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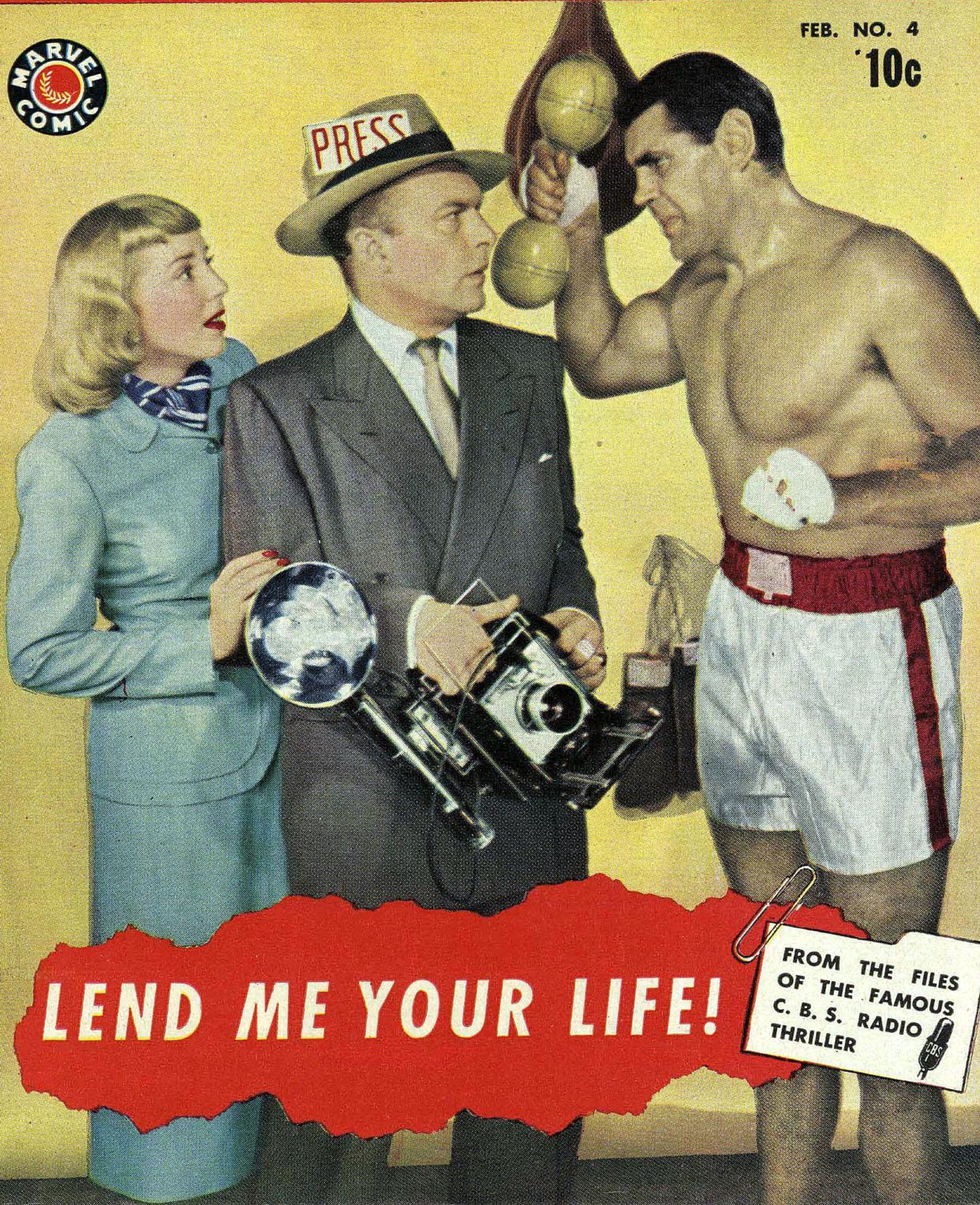

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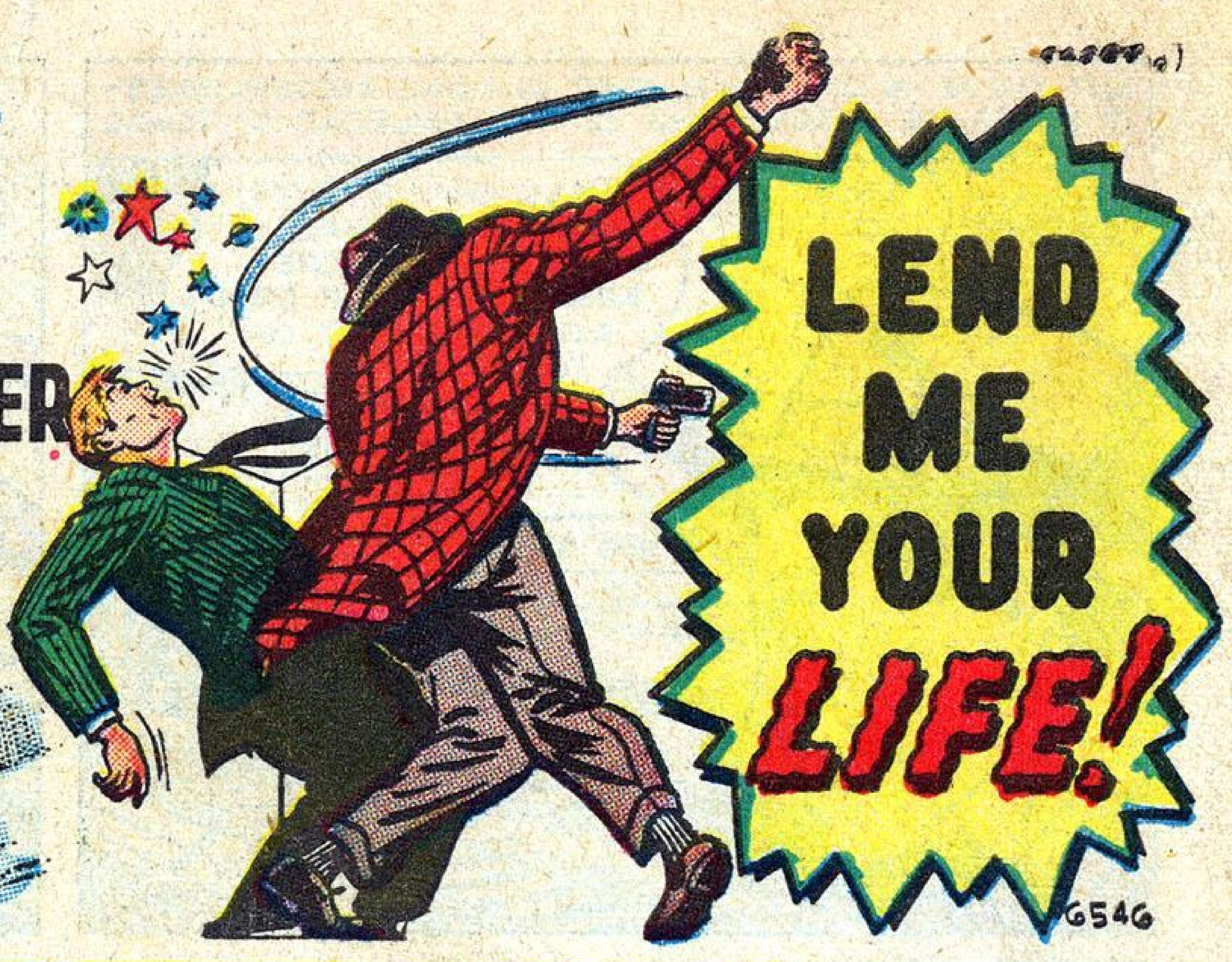

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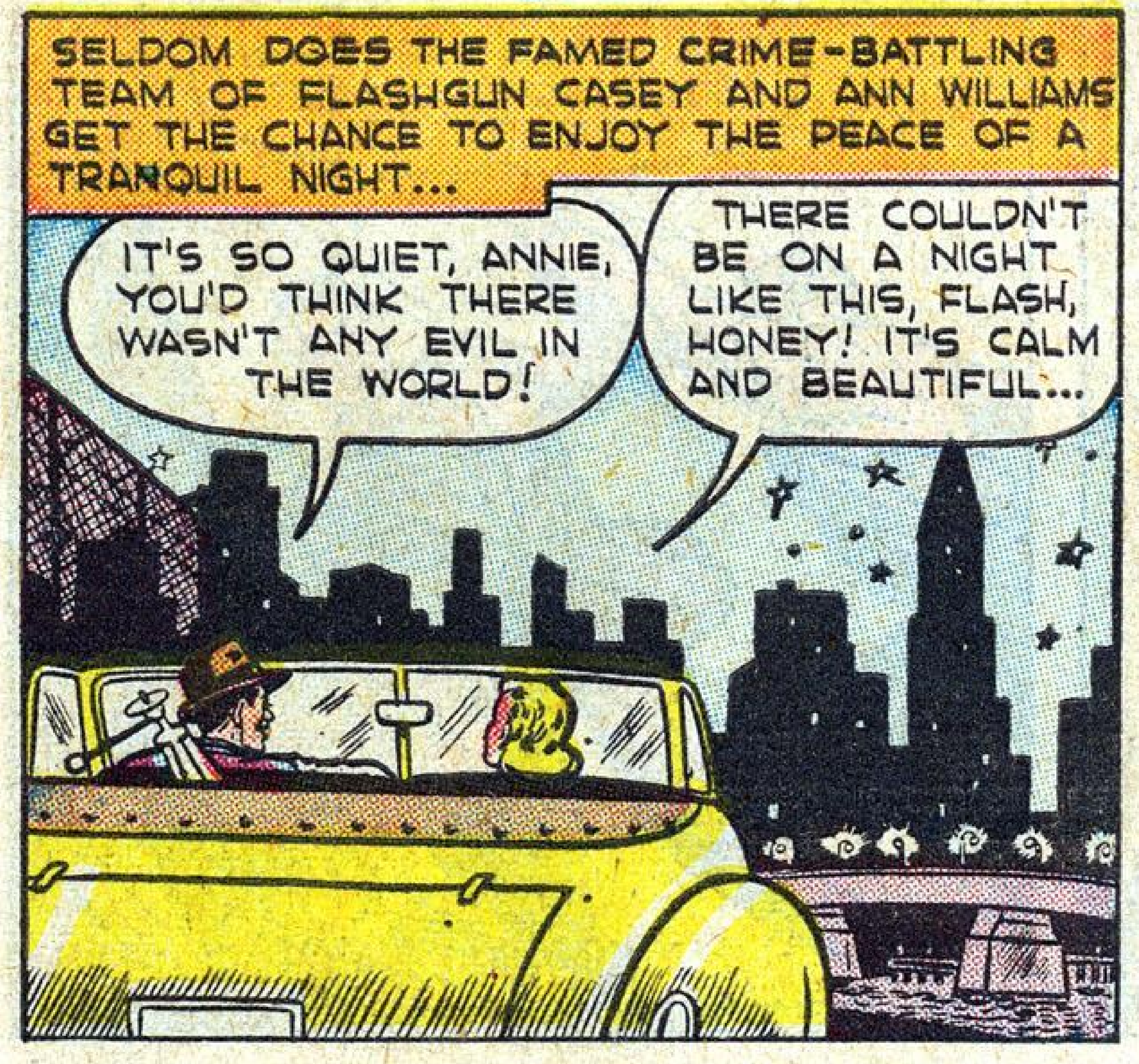
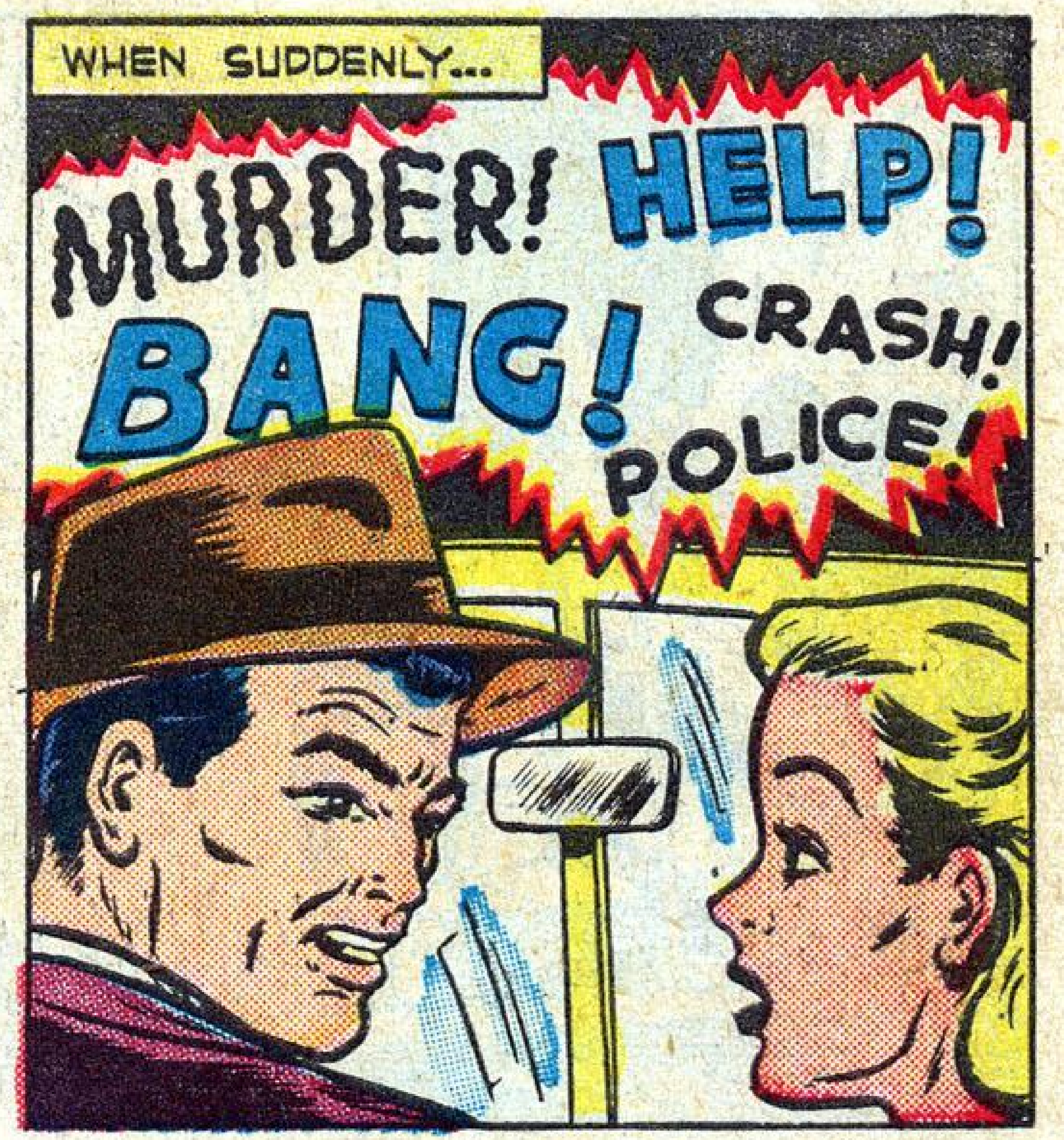
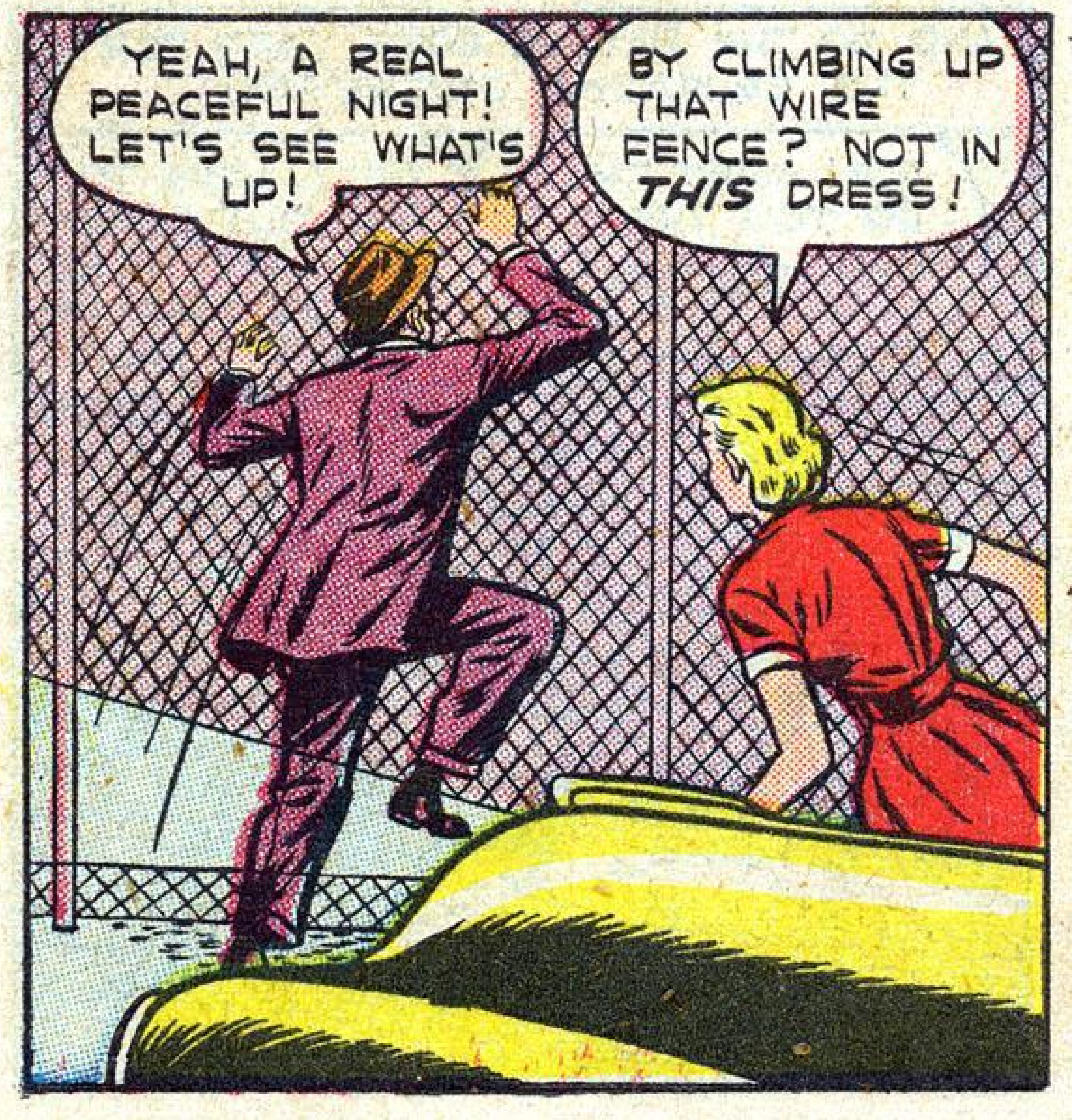
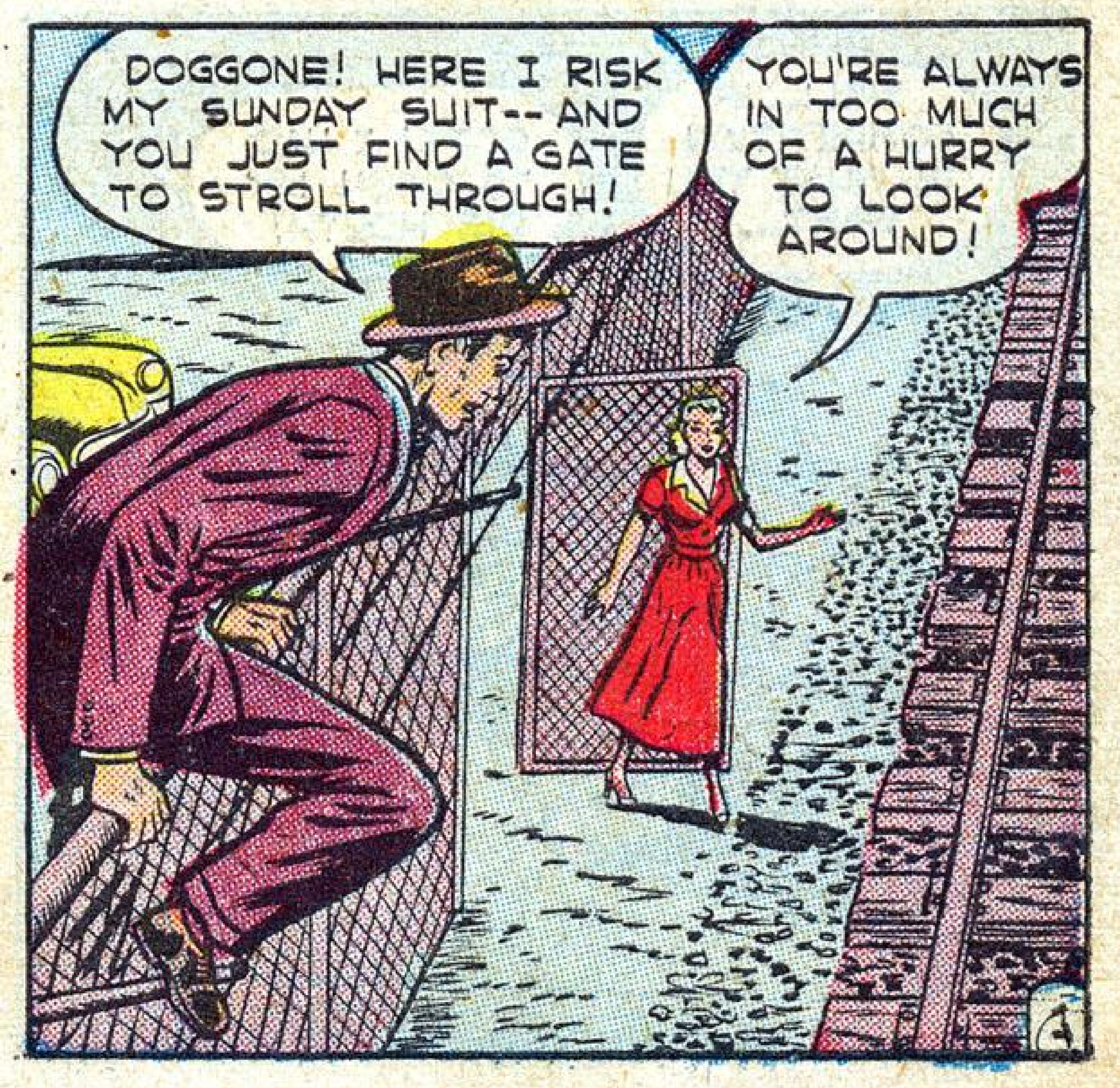
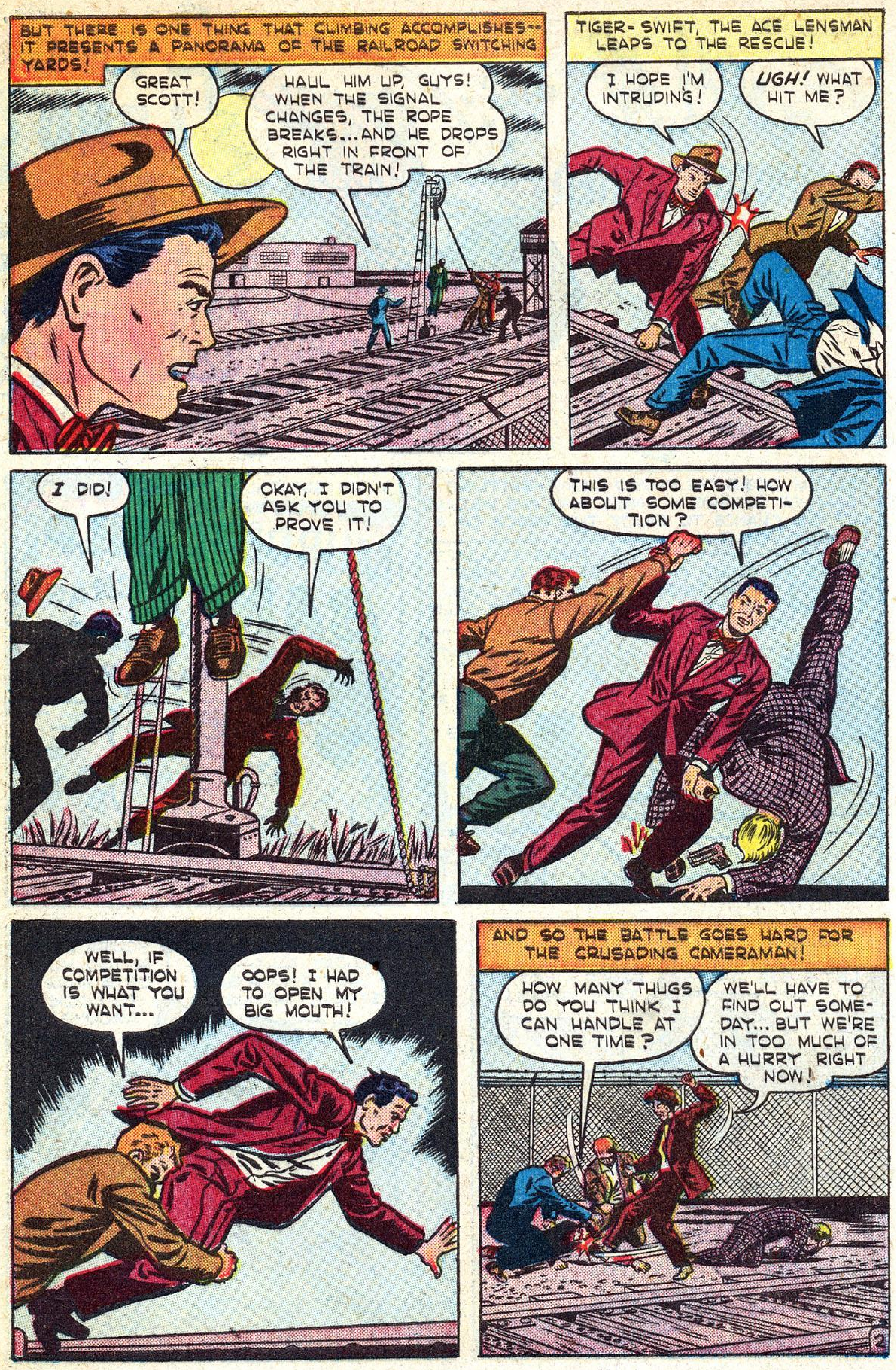
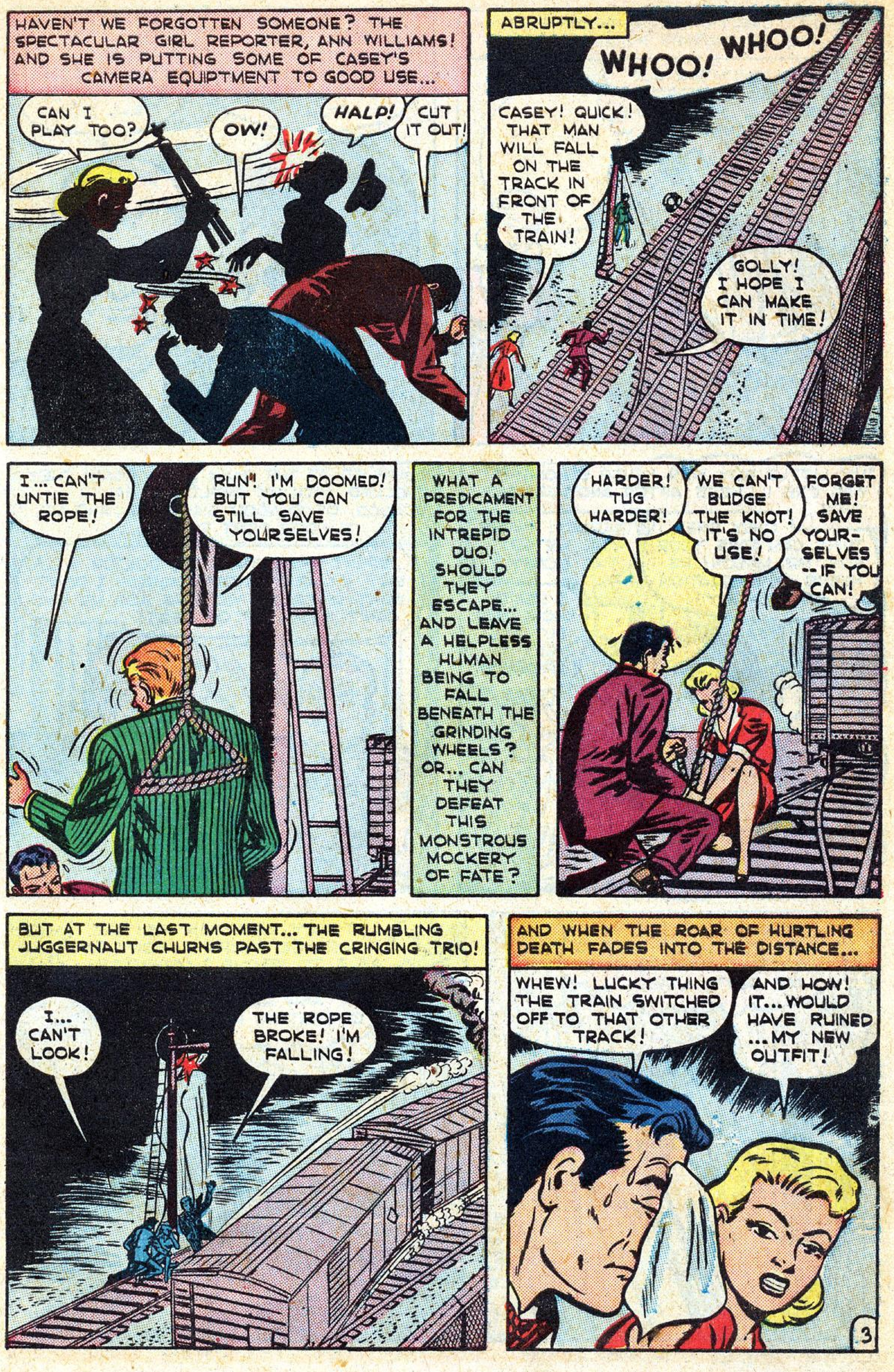

SELDOM DOES THE FAMED CRIME-BATTLING TEAM OF FLASHGUN CASEY AND ANN WILLIAMS GET THE CHANCE TO ENJOY THE PEACE OF A TRANQUIL NIGHT...
IT'S SO QUIET, ANNIE, YOU'D THINK THERE WASN'T ANY EVIL IN THE WORLD!
THERE COULDN'T BE ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS, FLASH, HONEY! IT'S CALM AND BEAUTIFUL...

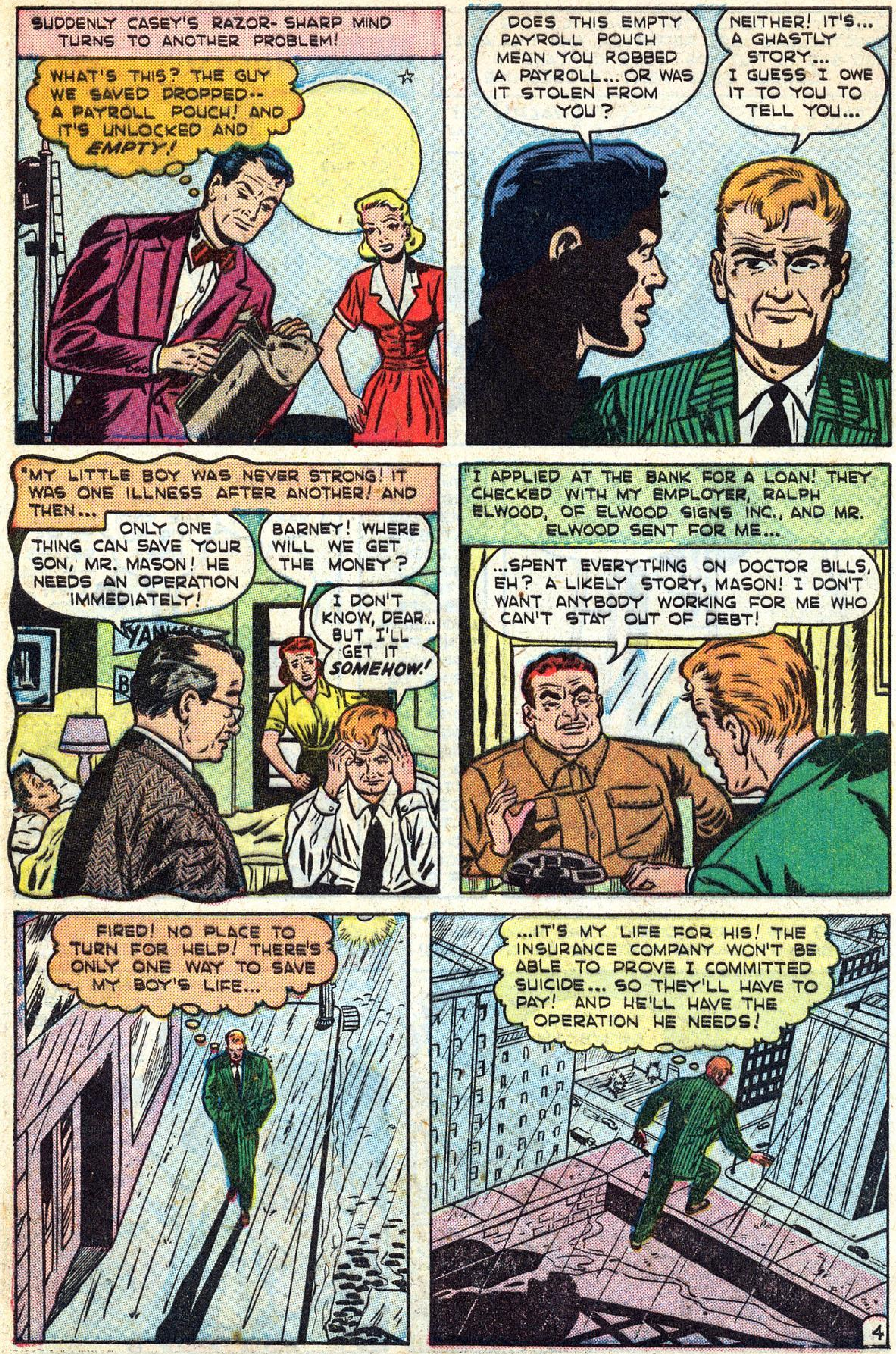

WHEN SUDDENLY...
MURDER! HELP!
BANG! CRASH!
POLICE!

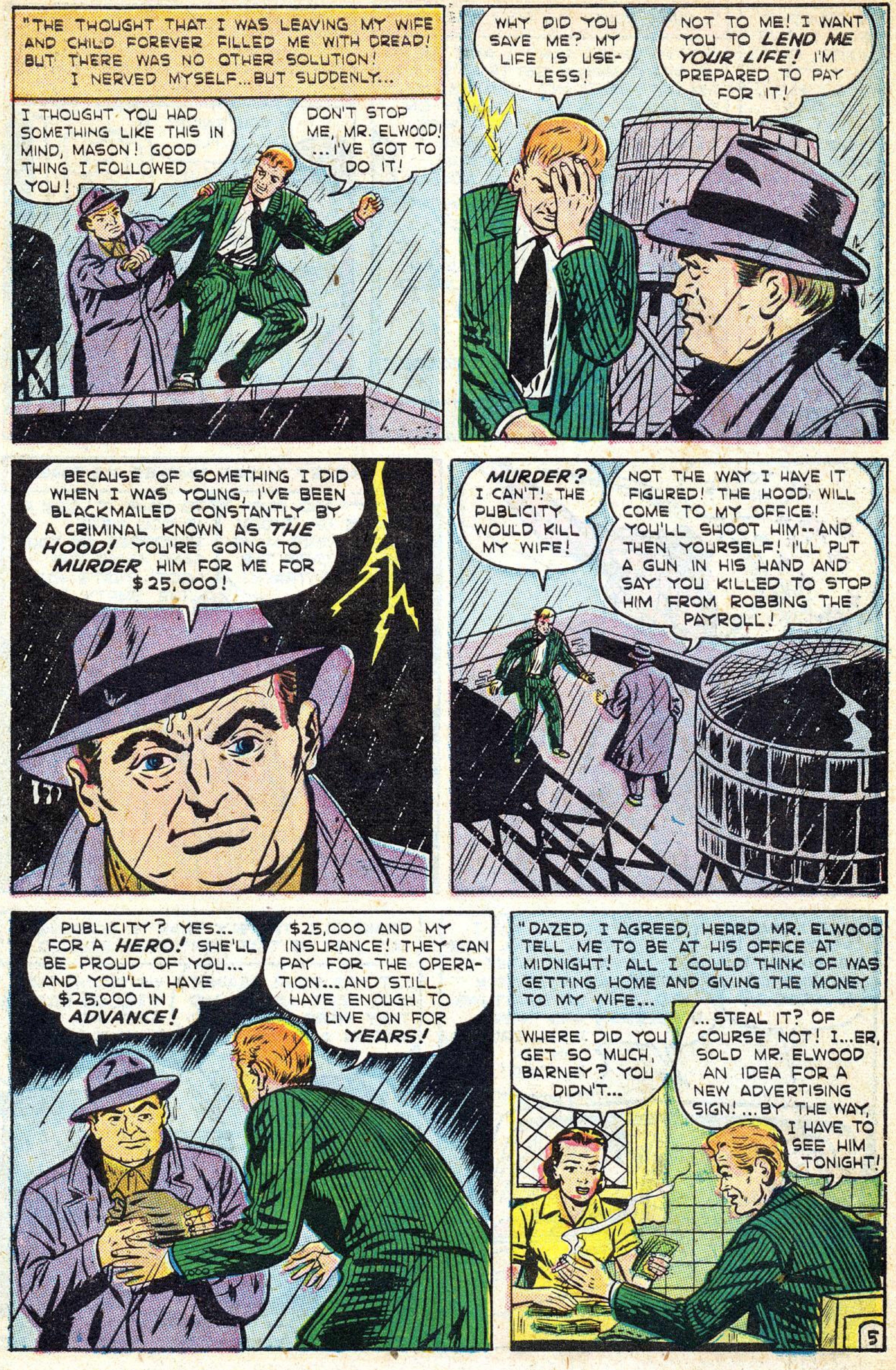

YEAH, A REAL PEACEFUL NIGHT! LET'S SEE WHAT'S UP!
BY CLIMBING UP THAT WIRE FENCE? NOT IN THIS DRESS!


DOGGONE! HERE I RISK MY SUNDAY SUIT-- AND YOU JUST FIND A GATE TO STROLL THROUGH!
YOU'RE ALWAYS IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO LOOK AROUND!

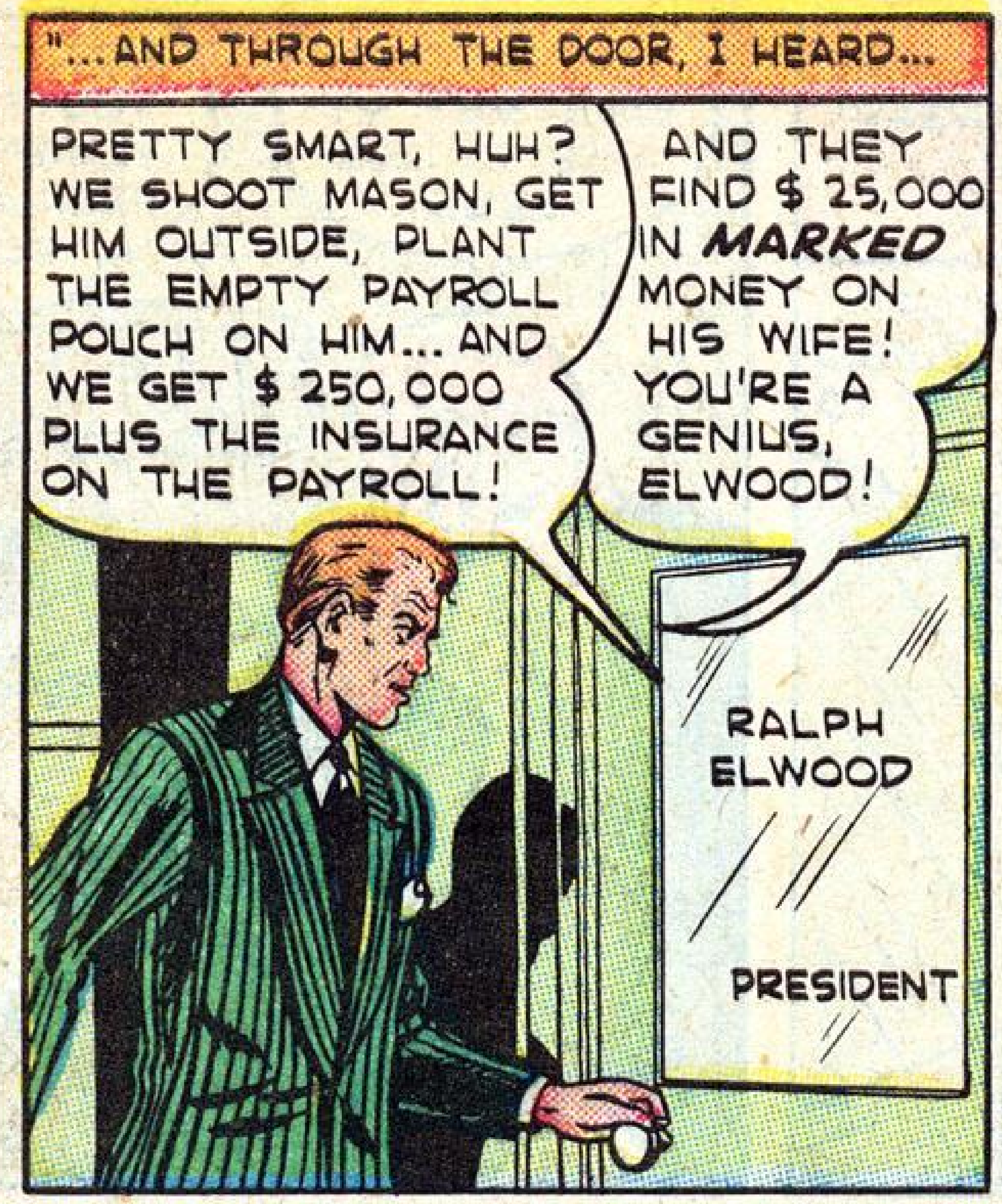

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT CLIMBING ACCOMPLISHES-- IT PRESENTS A PANORAMA OF THE RAILROAD SWITCHING YARDS!
GREAT SCOTT!
HAUL HIM UP, GUYS! WHEN THE SIGNAL CHANGES, THE ROPE BREAKS... AND HE DROPS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN!
TIGER-SWIFT, THE ACE LENSMAN LEAPS TO THE RESCUE!
I HOPE I'M INTRUDING!
UGH! WHAT HIT ME?
I DID!
OKAY, I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO PROVE IT!
THIS IS TOO EASY! HOW ABOUT SOME COMPETITION?
WELL, IF COMPETITION IS WHAT YOU WANT...
OOPS! I HAD TO OPEN MY BIG MOUTH!
AND SO THE BATTLE GOES HARD FOR THE CRUSADING CAMERAMAN!
HOW MANY THUGS DO YOU THINK I CAN HANDLE AT ONE TIME?
WE'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT SOMEDAY... BUT WE'RE IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY RIGHT NOW!

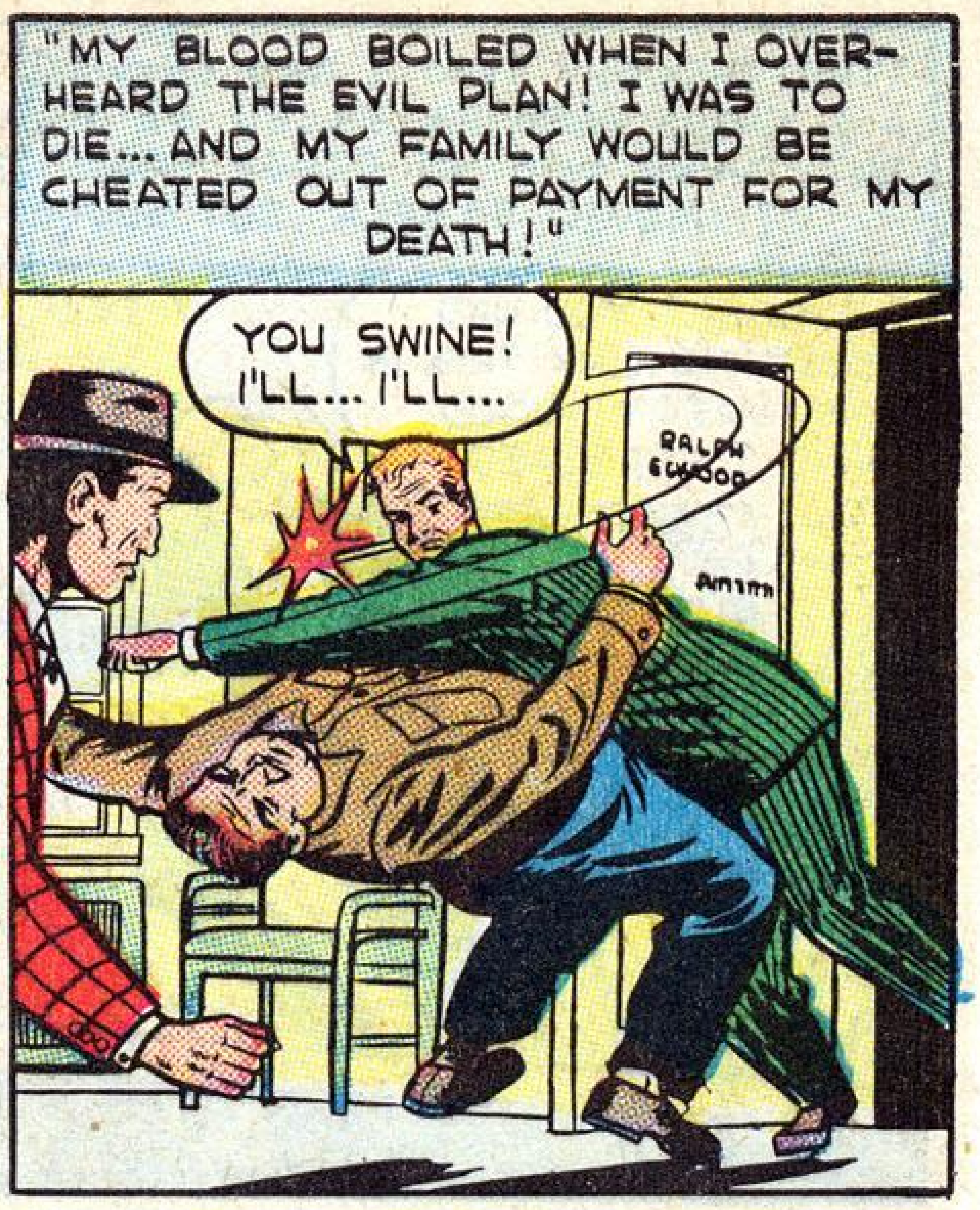

HAVEN'T WE FORGOTTEN SOMEONE? THE SPECTACULAR GIRL REPORTER, ANN WILLIAMS! AND SHE IS PUTTING SOME OF CASEY'S CAMERA EQUIPMENT TO GOOD USE...
CAN I PLAY TOO?
OW!
HALP!
CUT IT OUT!
ABRUPTLY...
WHOO! WHOO!
CASEY! QUICK! THAT MAN WILL FALL ON THE TRACK IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN!
GOLLY! I HOPE I CAN MAKE IT IN TIME!
I... CAN'T UNTIE THE ROPE!
RUN! I'M DOOMED! BUT YOU CAN STILL SAVE YOURSELVES!
WHAT A PREDICAMENT FOR THE INTREPID DUO! SHOULD THEY ESCAPE... AND LEAVE A HELPLESS HUMAN BEING TO FALL BENEATH THE GRINDING WHEELS? OR... CAN THEY DEFEAT THIS MONSTROUS MOCKERY OF FATE?
HARDER! TUG HARDER!
WE CAN'T BUDGE THE KNOT! IT'S NO USE!
FORGET ME! SAVE YOURSELVES --IF YOU CAN!
BUT AT THE LAST MOMENT... THE RUMBLING JUGGERNAUT CHURNS PAST THE CRINGING TRIO!
I... CAN'T LOOK!
THE ROPE BROKE! I'M FALLING!
AND WHEN THE ROAR OF HURTLING DEATH FADES INTO THE DISTANCE...
WHEW! LUCKY THING THE TRAIN SWITCHED OFF TO THAT OTHER TRACK!
AND HOW! IT... WOULD HAVE RUINED ... MY NEW OUTFIT!

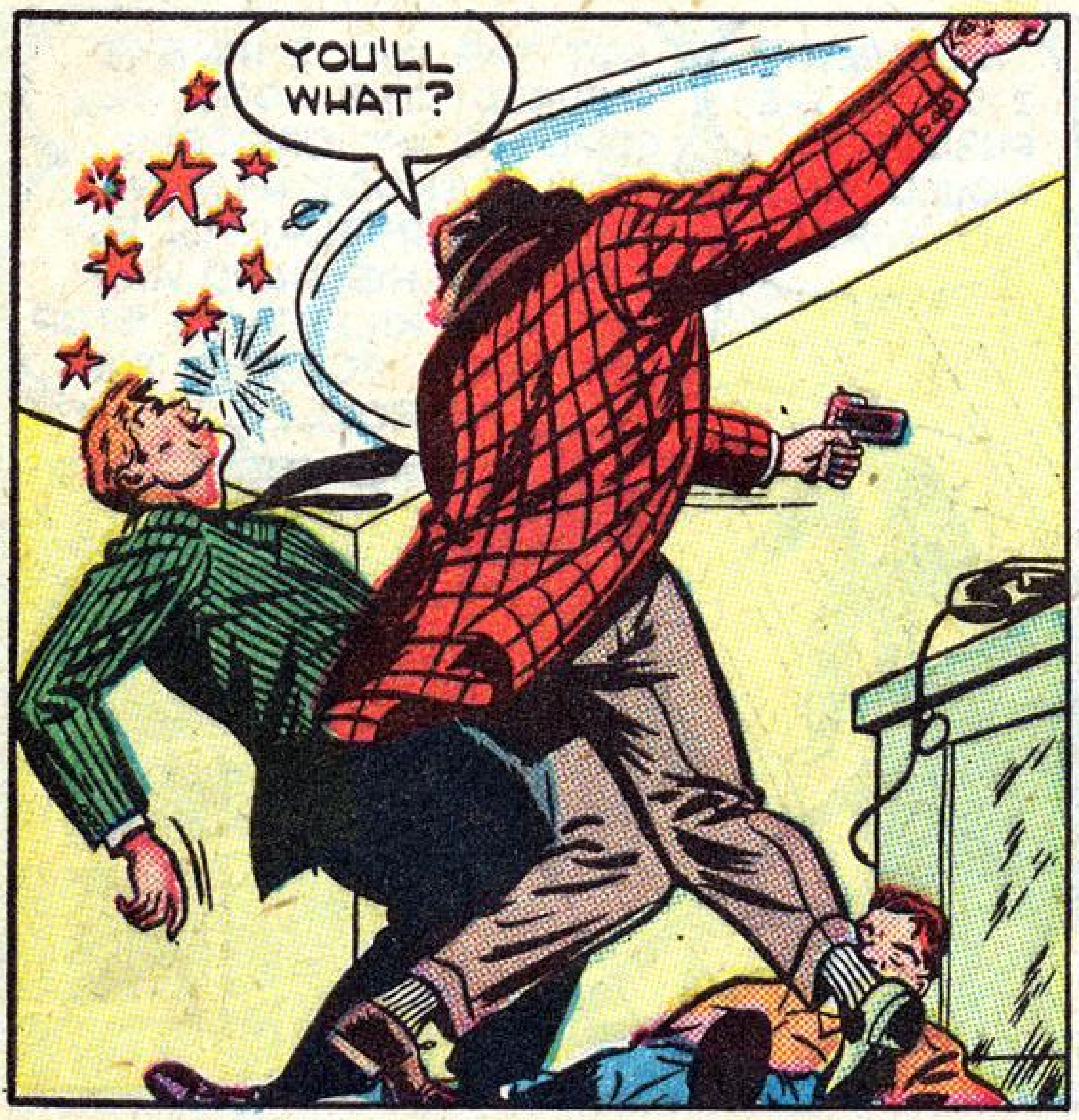

SUDDENLY CASEY'S RAZOR-SHARP MIND TURNS TO ANOTHER PROBLEM!
WHAT'S THIS? THE GUY WE SAVED DROPPED-- A PAYROLL POUCH! AND IT'S UNLOCKED AND *EMPTY!*
DOES THIS EMPTY PAYROLL POUCH MEAN YOU ROBBED A PAYROLL... OR WAS IT STOLEN FROM YOU?
NEITHER! IT'S... A GHASTLY STORY... I GUESS I OWE IT TO YOU TO TELL YOU...
"MY LITTLE BOY WAS NEVER STRONG! IT WAS ONE ILLNESS AFTER ANOTHER! AND THEN...
ONLY ONE THING CAN SAVE YOUR SON, MR. MASON! HE NEEDS AN OPERATION IMMEDIATELY!
BARNEY! WHERE WILL WE GET THE MONEY?
I DON'T KNOW, DEAR... BUT I'LL GET IT *SOMEHOW!*
"I APPLIED AT THE BANK FOR A LOAN! THEY CHECKED WITH MY EMPLOYER, RALPH ELWOOD, OF ELWOOD SIGNS INC., AND MR. ELWOOD SENT FOR ME...
...SPENT EVERYTHING ON DOCTOR BILLS, EH? A LIKELY STORY, MASON! I DON'T WANT ANYBODY WORKING FOR ME WHO CAN'T STAY OUT OF DEBT!
FIRED! NO PLACE TO TURN FOR HELP! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE MY BOY'S LIFE...
...IT'S MY LIFE FOR HIS! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WON'T BE ABLE TO PROVE I COMMITTED SUICIDE... SO THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY! AND HE'LL HAVE THE OPERATION HE NEEDS!

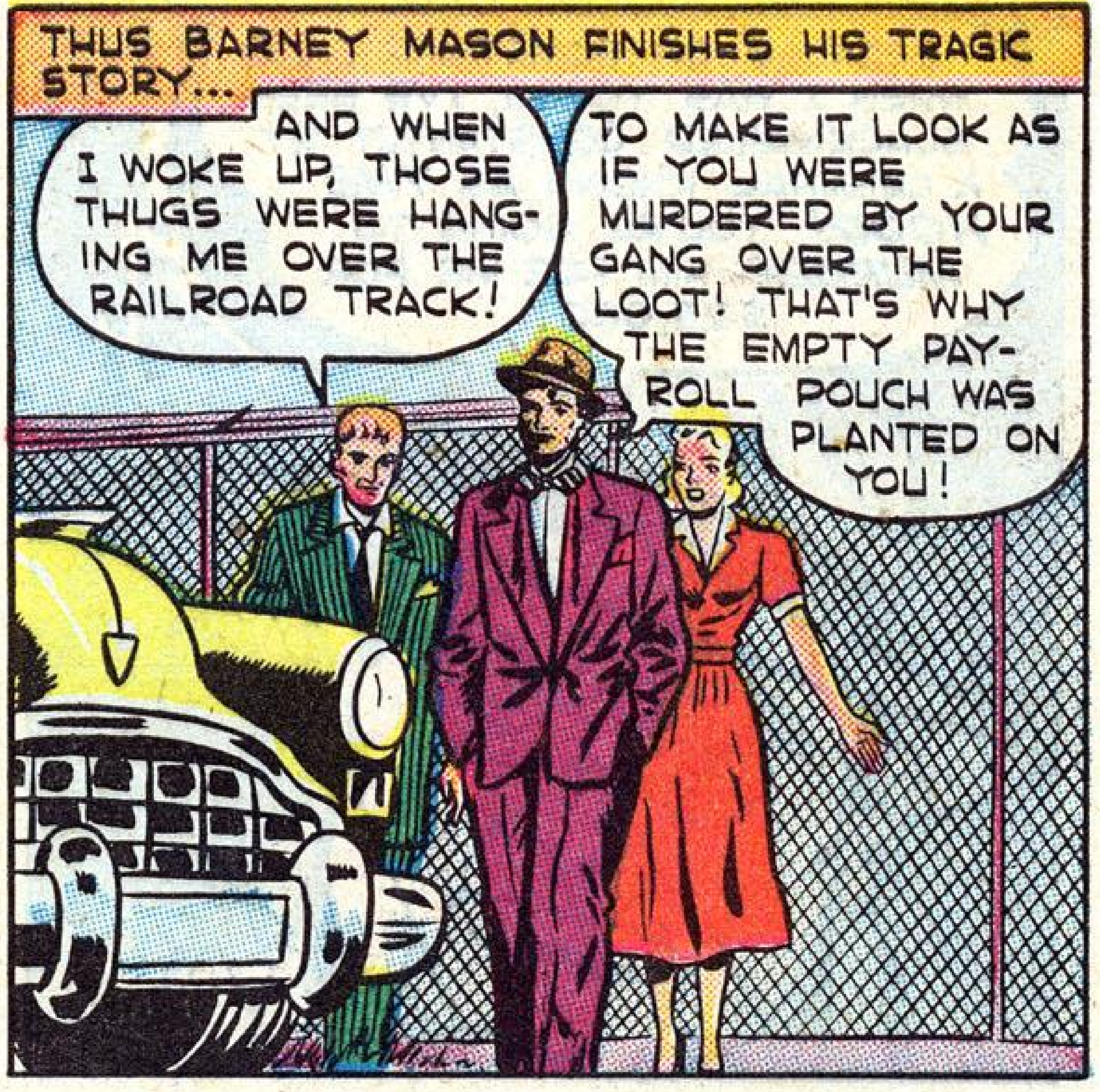

"THE THOUGHT THAT I WAS LEAVING MY WIFE AND CHILD FOREVER FILLED ME WITH DREAD! BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER SOLUTION! I NERVED MYSELF...BUT SUDDENLY...
I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN MIND, MASON! GOOD THING I FOLLOWED YOU!
DON'T STOP ME, MR. ELWOOD! ...I'VE GOT TO DO IT!
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME? MY LIFE IS USELESS!
NOT TO ME! I WANT YOU TO ***LEND ME YOUR LIFE!*** I'M PREPARED TO PAY FOR IT!
BECAUSE OF SOMETHING I DID WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I'VE BEEN BLACKMAILED CONSTANTLY BY A CRIMINAL KNOWN AS ***THE HOOD!*** YOU'RE GOING TO ***MURDER*** HIM FOR ME FOR $25,000!
MURDER? I CAN'T! THE PUBLICITY WOULD KILL MY WIFE!
NOT THE WAY I HAVE IT FIGURED! THE HOOD WILL COME TO MY OFFICE! YOU'LL SHOOT HIM--AND THEN YOURSELF! I'LL PUT A GUN IN HIS HAND AND SAY YOU KILLED TO STOP HIM FROM ROBBING THE PAYROLL!
PUBLICITY? YES... FOR A ***HERO!*** SHE'LL BE PROUD OF YOU... AND YOU'LL HAVE $25,000 IN ***ADVANCE!***
$25,000 AND MY INSURANCE! THEY CAN PAY FOR THE OPERATION... AND STILL HAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE ON FOR ***YEARS!***
"DAZED, I AGREED, HEARD MR. ELWOOD TELL ME TO BE AT HIS OFFICE AT MIDNIGHT! ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS GETTING HOME AND GIVING THE MONEY TO MY WIFE...
WHERE DID YOU GET SO MUCH, BARNEY? YOU DIDN'T...
...STEAL IT? OF COURSE NOT! I...ER, SOLD MR. ELWOOD AN IDEA FOR A NEW ADVERTISING SIGN! ...BY THE WAY, I HAVE TO SEE HIM TONIGHT!

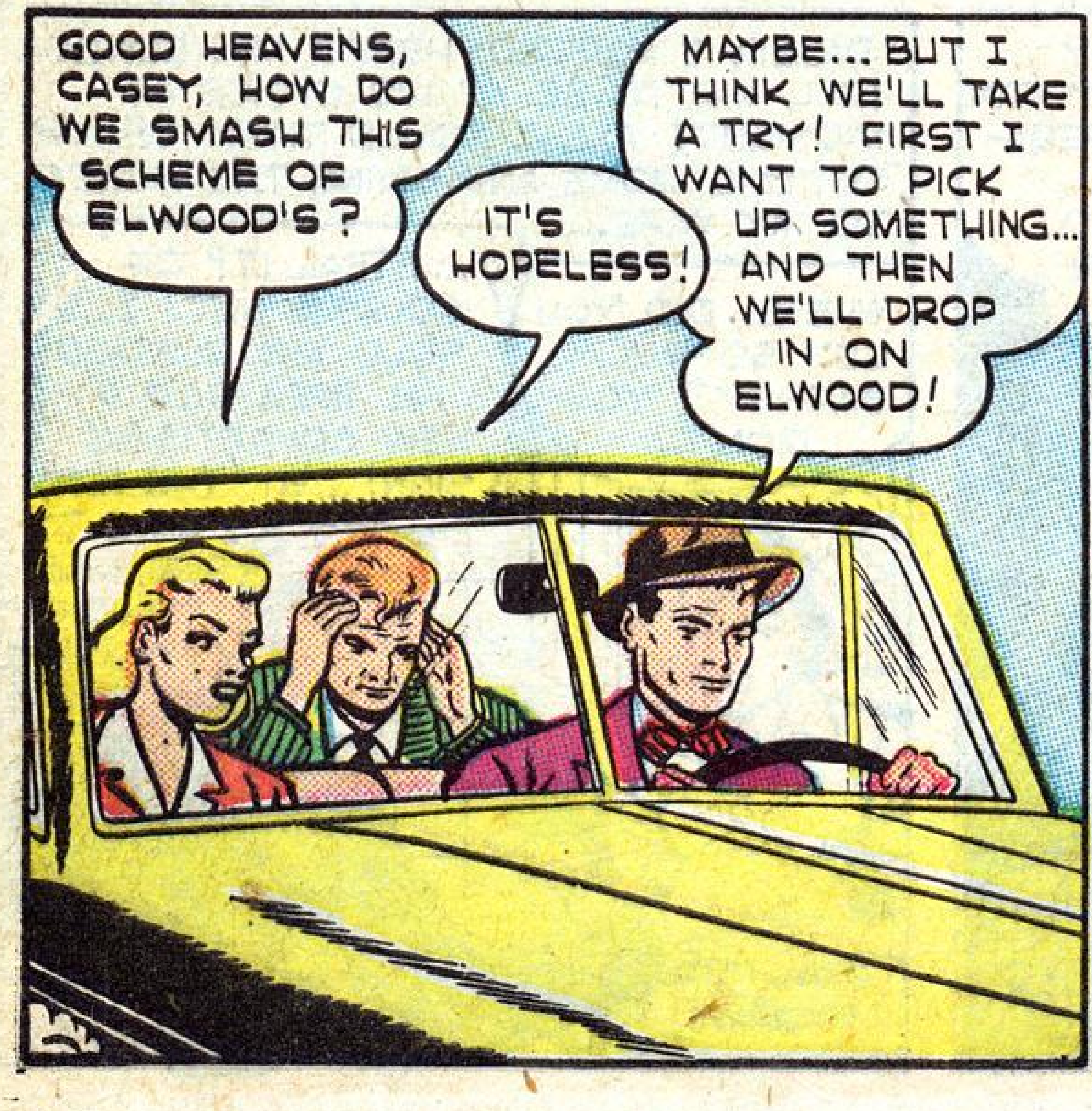
"I COULDN'T STAY IN THE HOUSE, FACING MY WIFE AND CHILD... KNOWING THAT I WOULD BE DEAD IN A MATTER OF HOURS! I WANDERED THE STREETS, FIGHTING MY FEAR... AND FINALLY HURRIED TO MR. ELWOOD'S OFFICE, THOUGH IT WASN'T YET MIDNIGHT...

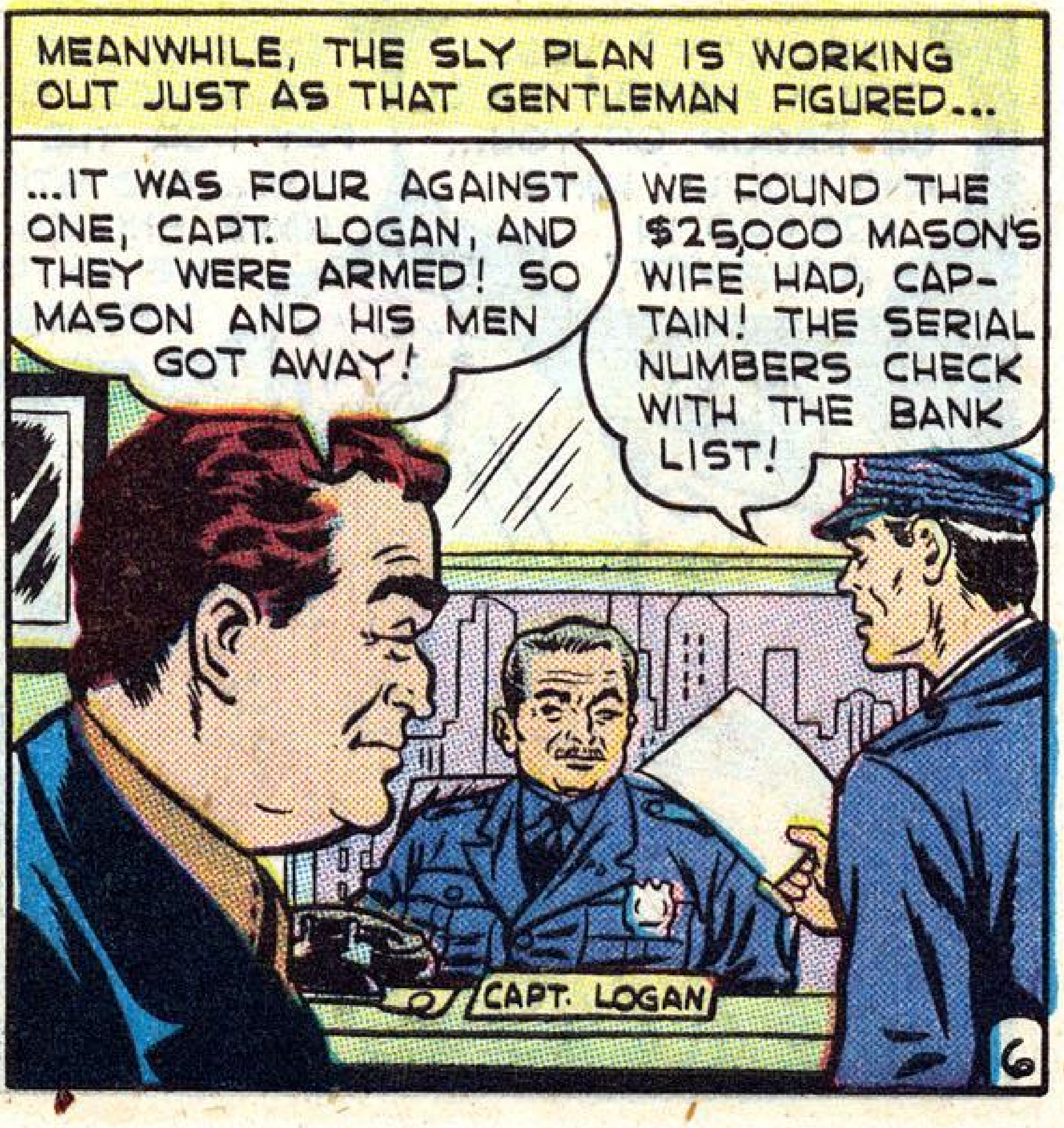

"...AND THROUGH THE DOOR, I HEARD...
PRETTY SMART, HUH? WE SHOOT MASON, GET HIM OUTSIDE, PLANT THE EMPTY PAYROLL POUCH ON HIM... AND WE GET $ 250,000 PLUS THE INSURANCE ON THE PAYROLL!
AND THEY FIND $ 25,000 IN *MARKED* MONEY ON HIS WIFE! YOU'RE A GENIUS, ELWOOD!
RALPH ELWOOD
PRESIDENT

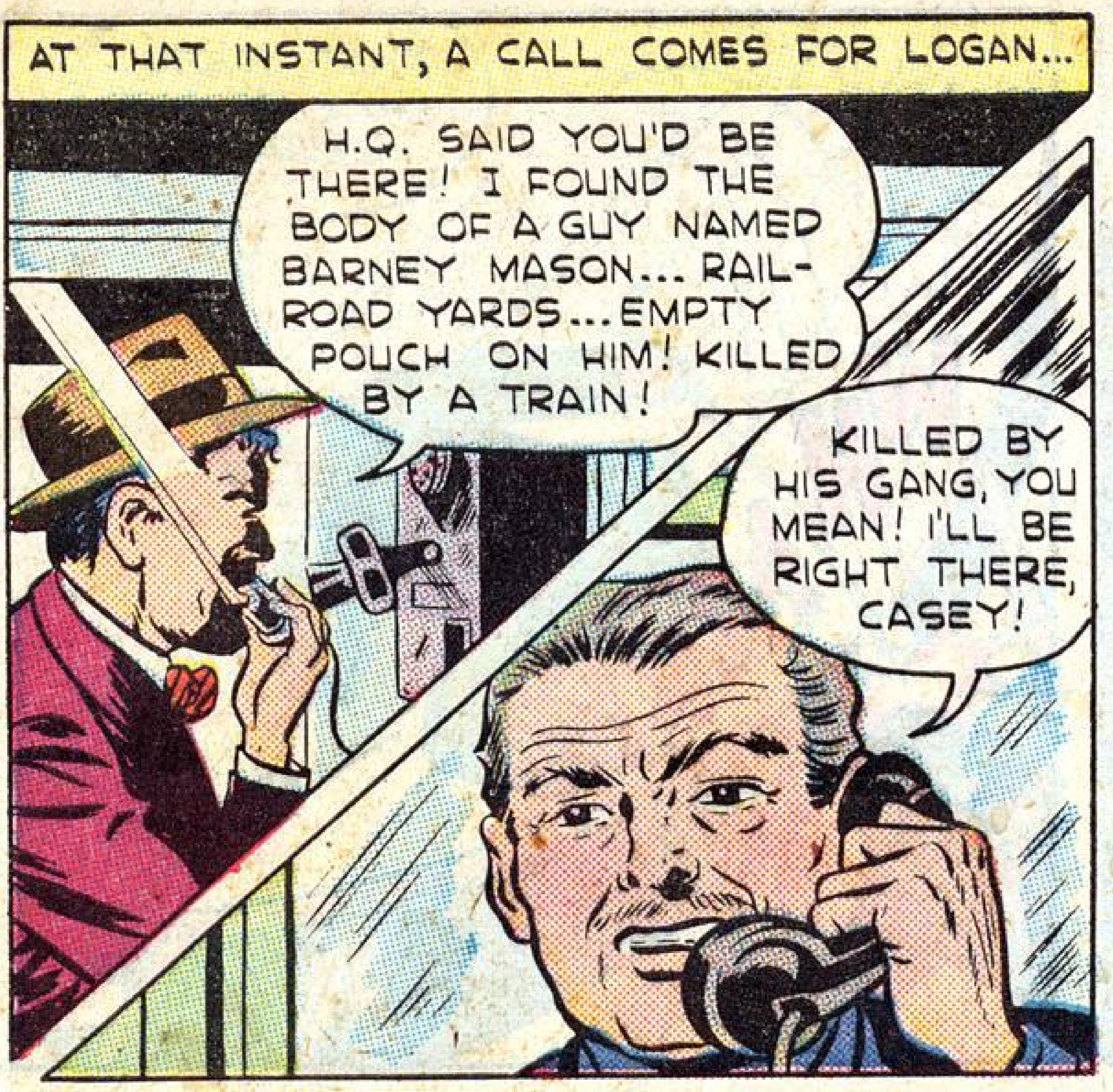

"MY BLOOD BOILED WHEN I OVERHEARD THE EVIL PLAN! I WAS TO DIE... AND MY FAMILY WOULD BE CHEATED OUT OF PAYMENT FOR MY DEATH!"
YOU SWINE! I'LL... I'LL...
RALPH ELWOOD

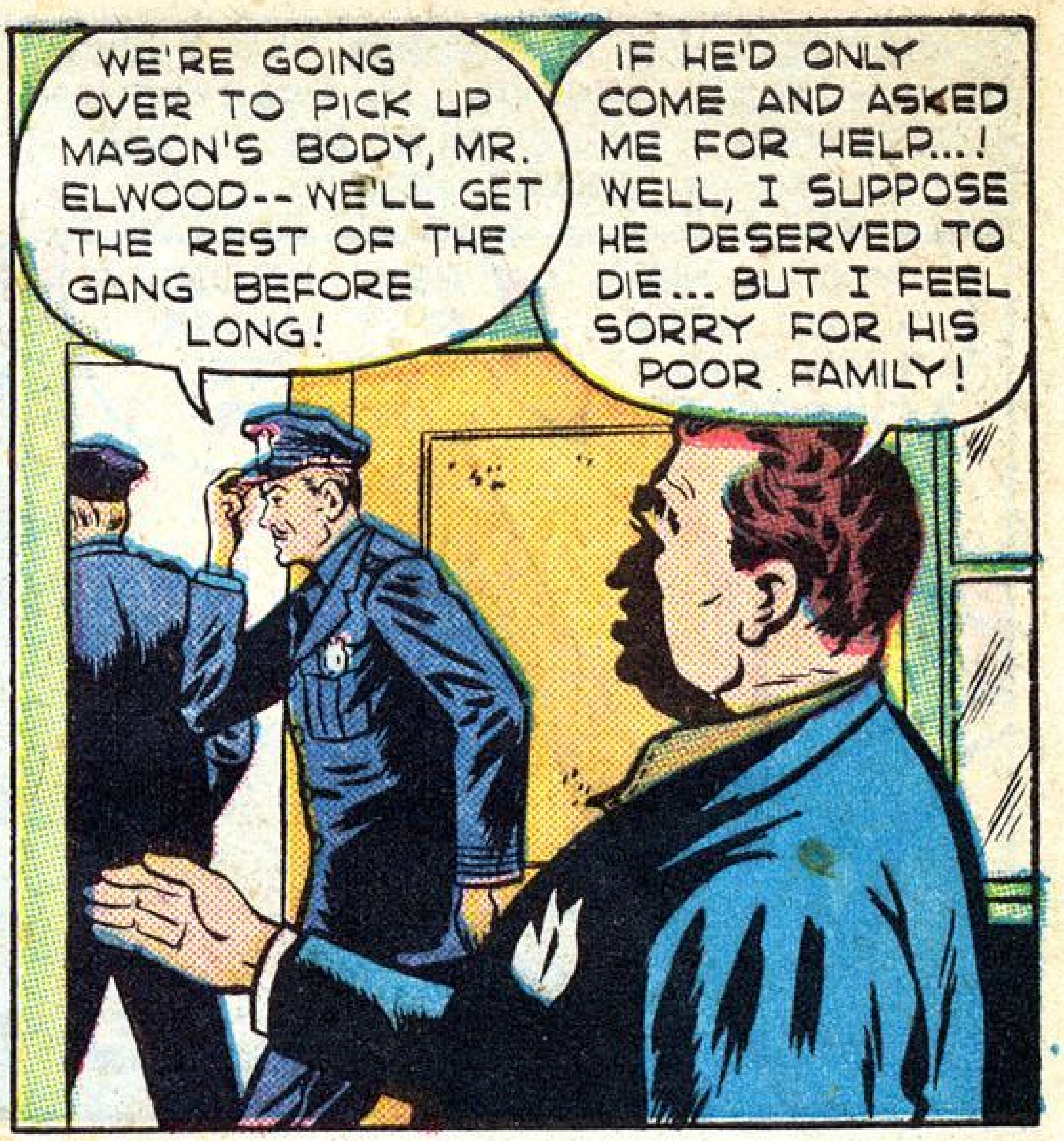


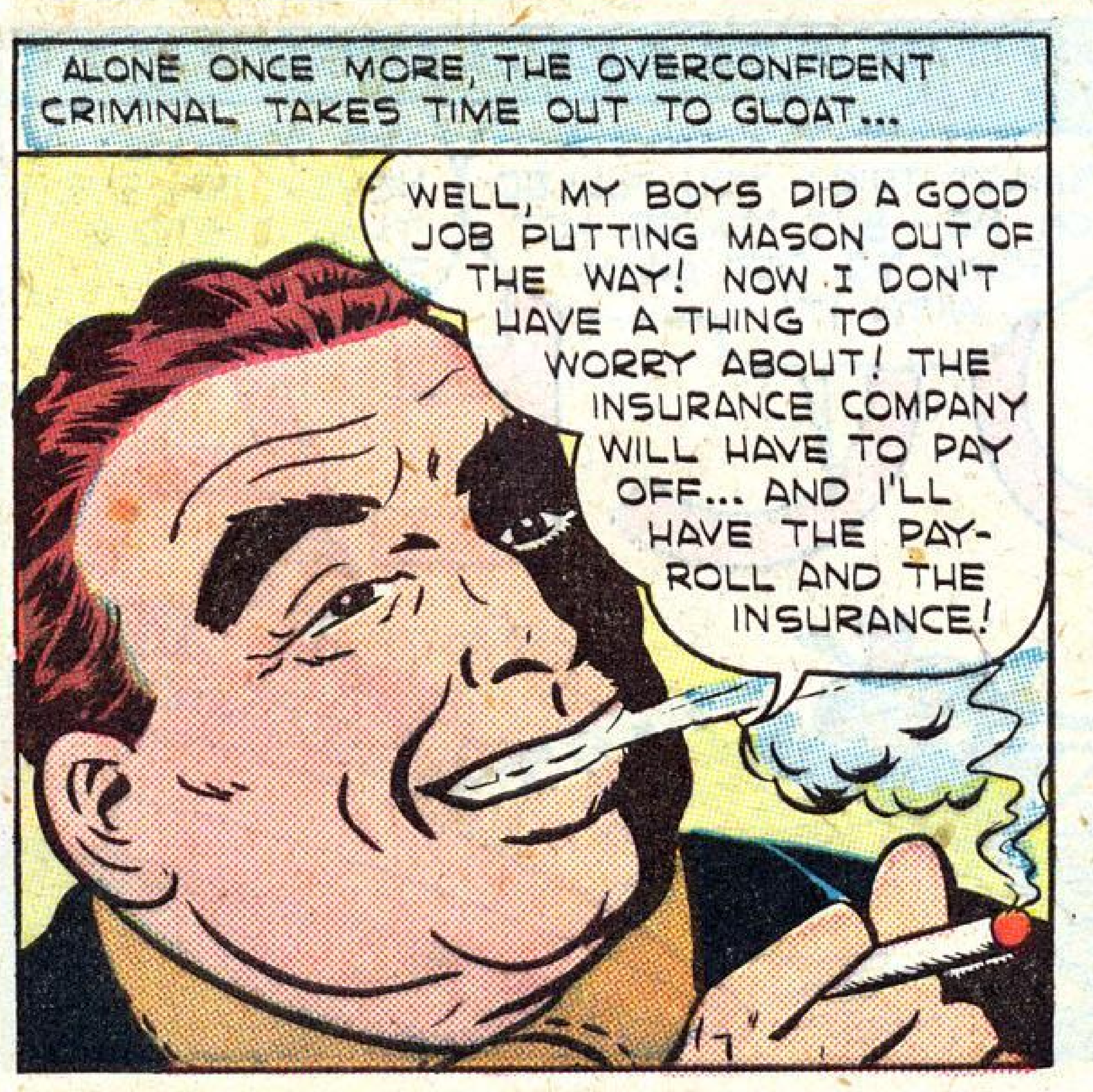

THUS BARNEY MASON FINISHES HIS TRAGIC STORY...
AND WHEN I WOKE UP, THOSE THUGS WERE HANGING ME OVER THE RAILROAD TRACK!
TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF YOU WERE MURDERED BY YOUR GANG OVER THE LOOT! THAT'S WHY THE EMPTY PAYROLL POUCH WAS PLANTED ON YOU!

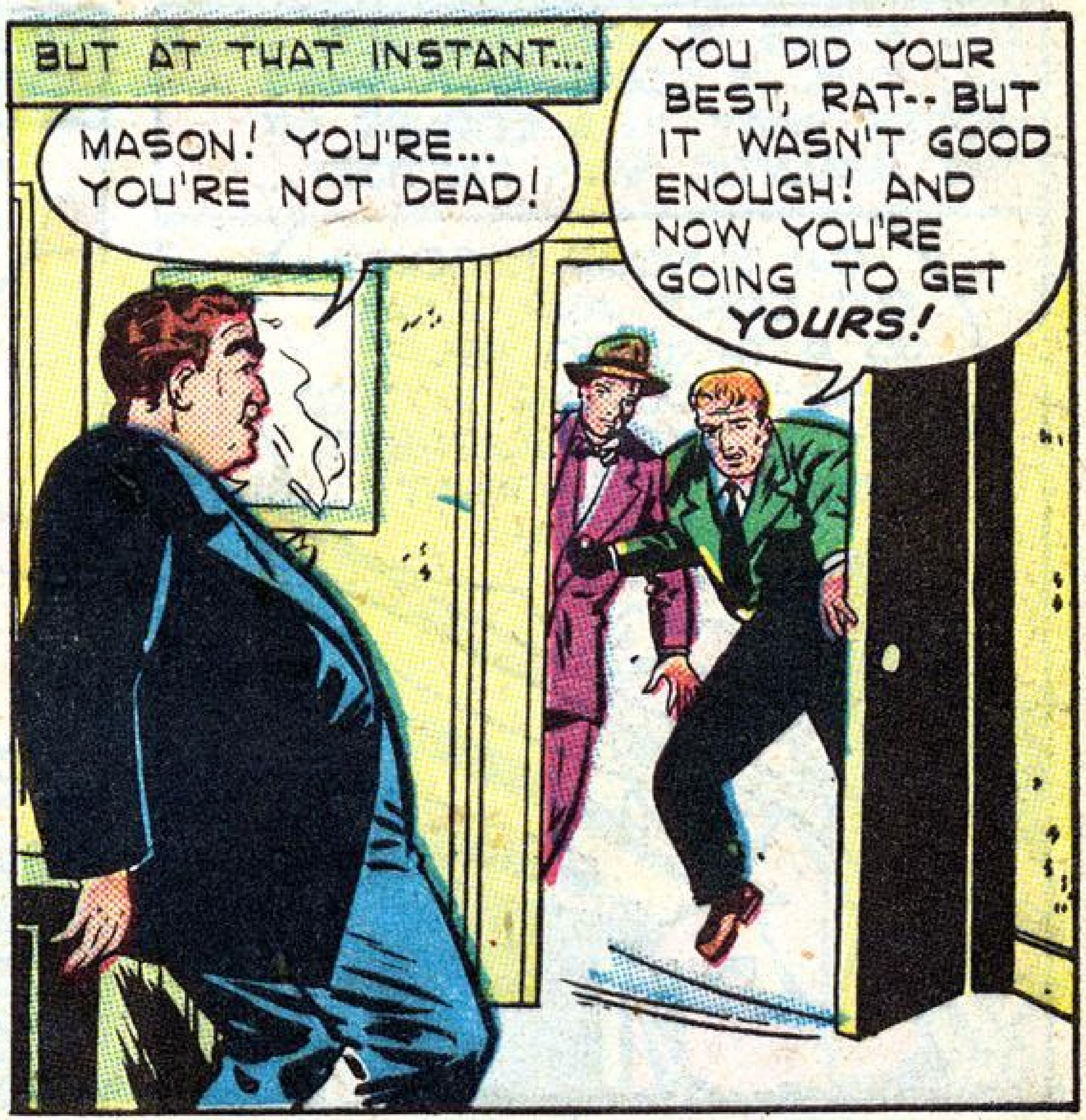

GOOD HEAVENS, CASEY, HOW DO WE SMASH THIS SCHEME OF ELWOOD'S?
IT'S HOPELESS!
MAYBE... BUT I THINK WE'LL TAKE A TRY! FIRST I WANT TO PICK UP SOMETHING... AND THEN WE'LL DROP IN ON ELWOOD!

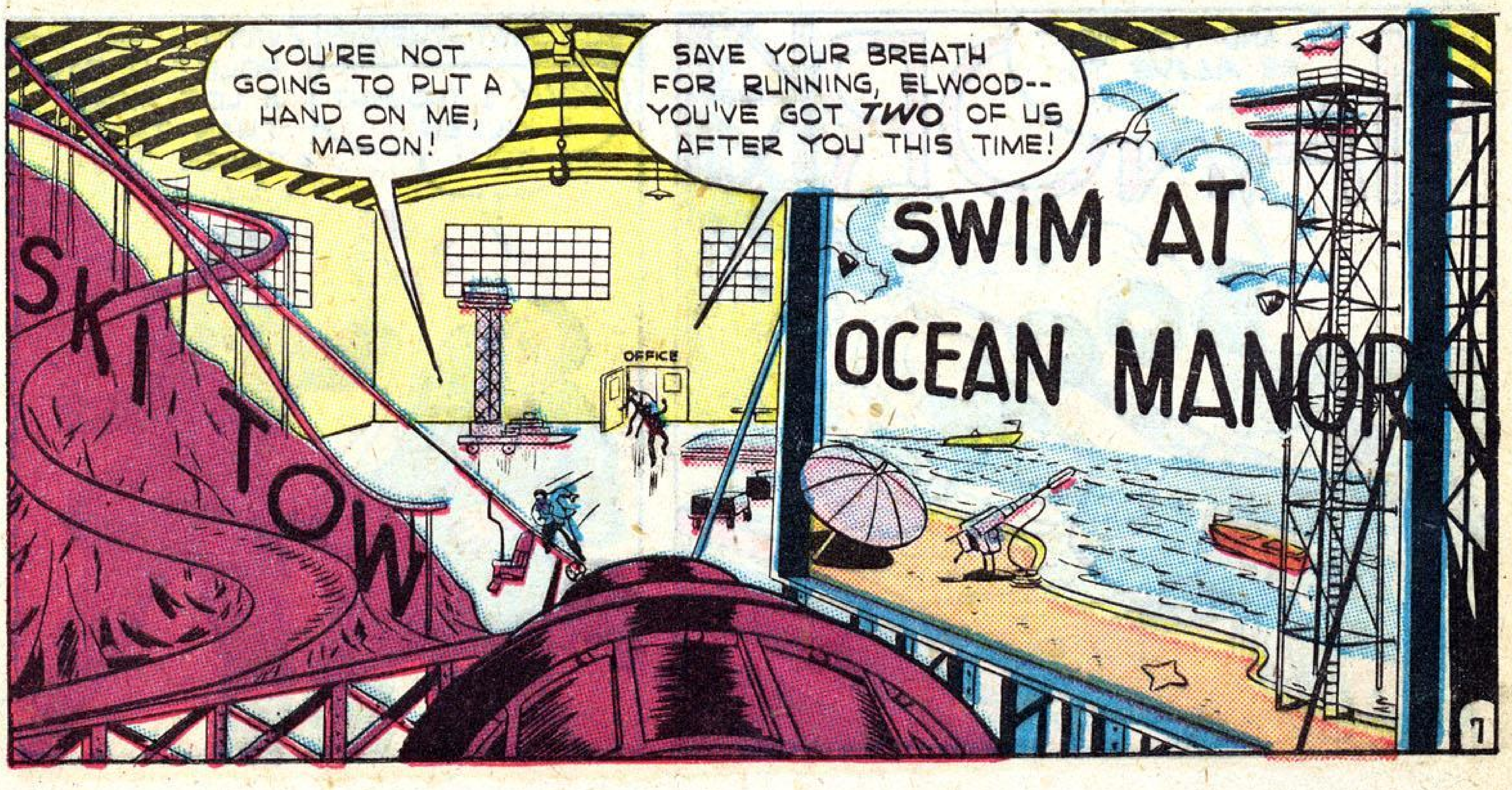

MEANWHILE, THE SLY PLAN IS WORKING OUT JUST AS THAT GENTLEMAN FIGURED...
...IT WAS FOUR AGAINST ONE, CAPT. LOGAN, AND THEY WERE ARMED! SO MASON AND HIS MEN GOT AWAY!
WE FOUND THE $25,000 MASON'S WIFE HAD, CAPTAIN! THE SERIAL NUMBERS CHECK WITH THE BANK LIST!
CAPT. LOGAN

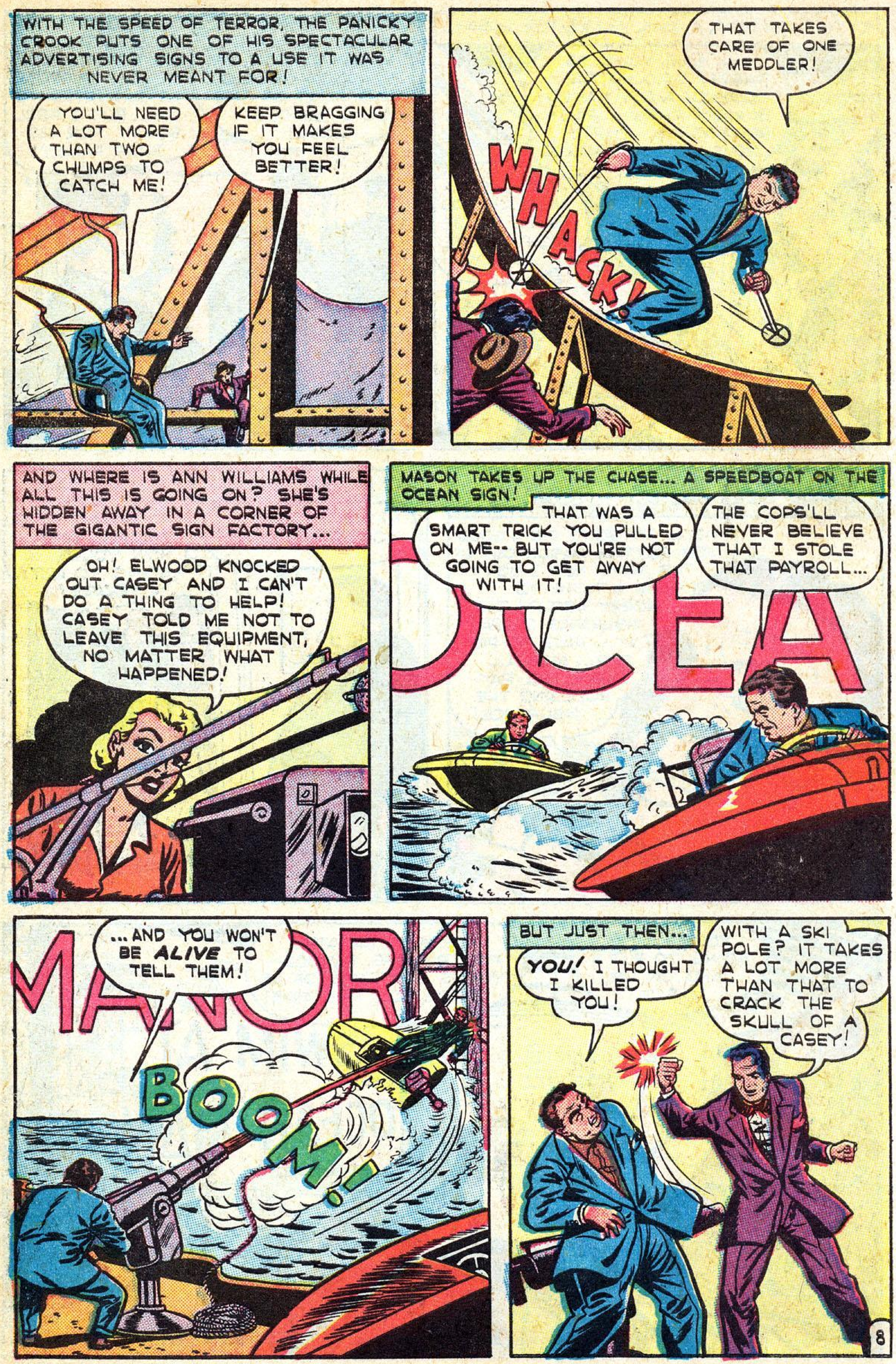

AT THAT INSTANT, A CALL COMES FOR LOGAN...
H.Q. SAID YOU'D BE THERE! I FOUND THE BODY OF A GUY NAMED BARNEY MASON... RAILROAD YARDS... EMPTY POUCH ON HIM! KILLED BY A TRAIN!
KILLED BY HIS GANG, YOU MEAN! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, CASEY!

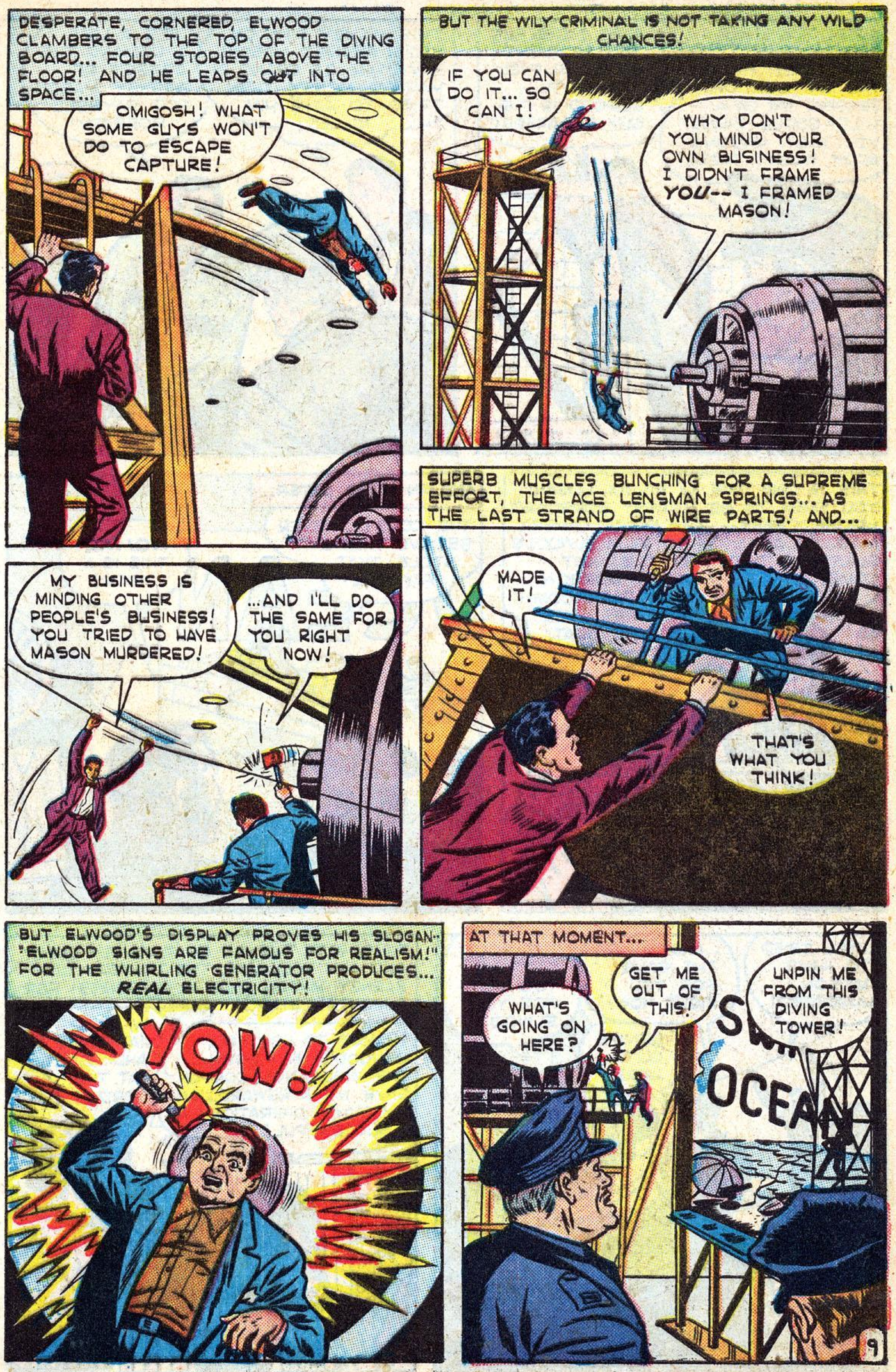

WE'RE GOING OVER TO PICK UP MASON'S BODY, MR. ELWOOD-- WE'LL GET THE REST OF THE GANG BEFORE LONG!
IF HE'D ONLY COME AND ASKED ME FOR HELP...! WELL, I SUPPOSE HE DESERVED TO DIE... BUT I FEEL SORRY FOR HIS POOR FAMILY!

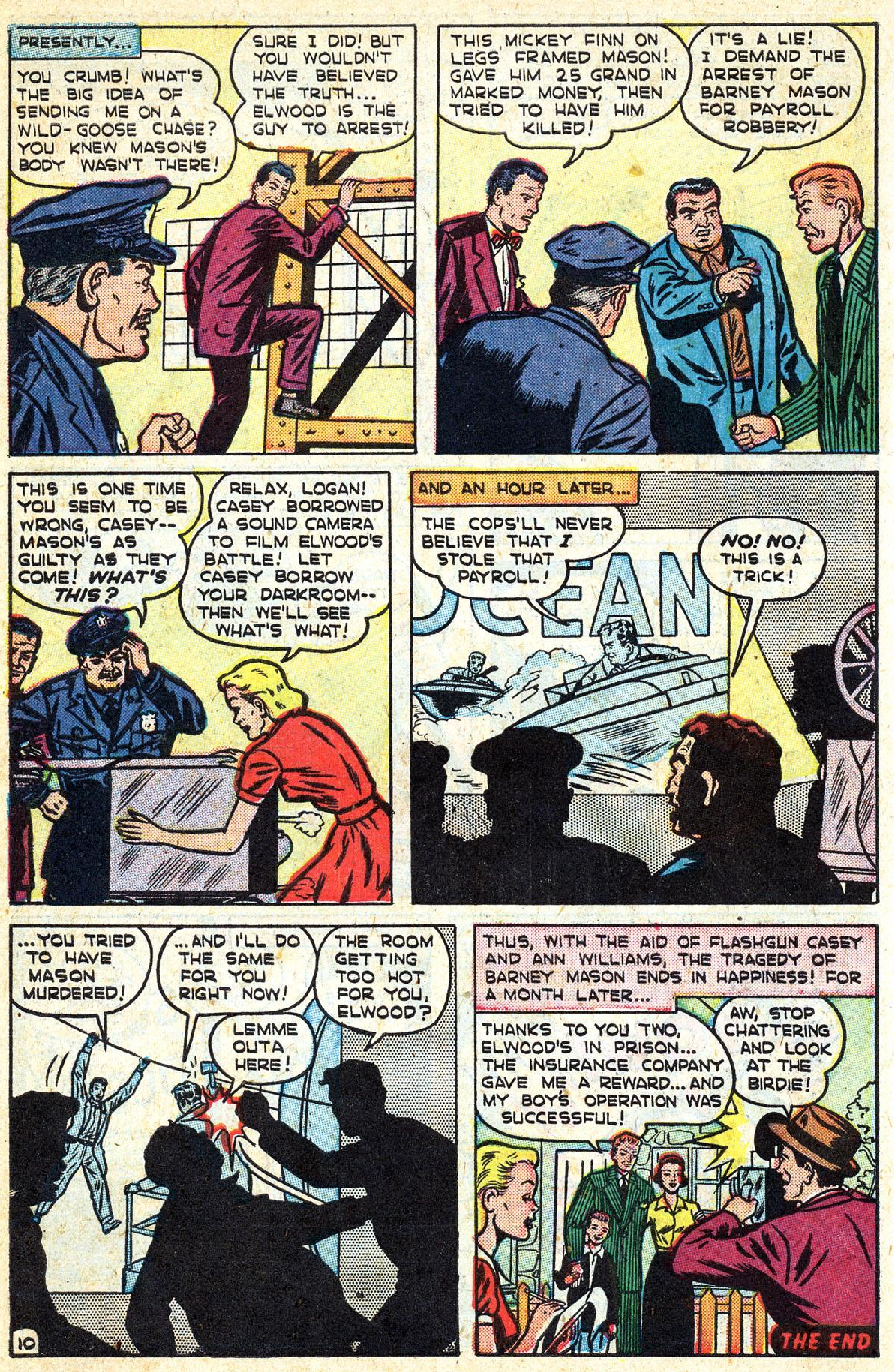

ALONE ONCE MORE, THE OVERCONFIDENT CRIMINAL TAKES TIME OUT TO GLOAT...
WELL, MY BOYS DID A GOOD JOB PUTTING MASON OUT OF THE WAY! NOW I DON'T HAVE A THING TO WORRY ABOUT! THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL HAVE TO PAY OFF... AND I'LL HAVE THE PAYROLL AND THE INSURANCE!


BUT AT THAT INSTANT...
MASON! YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT DEAD!
YOU DID YOUR BEST, RAT-- BUT IT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH! AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET *YOURS!*


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUT A HAND ON ME, MASON!
SAVE YOUR BREATH FOR RUNNING, ELWOOD-- YOU'VE GOT *TWO* OF US AFTER YOU THIS TIME!
SKI TOW
OFFICE
SWIM AT OCEAN MANOR


WITH THE SPEED OF TERROR, THE PANICKY CROOK PUTS ONE OF HIS SPECTACULAR ADVERTISING SIGNS TO A USE IT WAS NEVER MEANT FOR!
YOU'LL NEED A LOT MORE THAN TWO CHUMPS TO CATCH ME!
KEEP BRAGGING IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER!
THAT TAKES CARE OF ONE MEDDLER!
WHACK!
AND WHERE IS ANN WILLIAMS WHILE ALL THIS IS GOING ON? SHE'S HIDDEN AWAY IN A CORNER OF THE GIGANTIC SIGN FACTORY...
OH! ELWOOD KNOCKED OUT CASEY AND I CAN'T DO A THING TO HELP! CASEY TOLD ME NOT TO LEAVE THIS EQUIPMENT, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED!
MASON TAKES UP THE CHASE... A SPEEDBOAT ON THE OCEAN SIGN!
THAT WAS A SMART TRICK YOU PULLED ON ME-- BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT!
THE COPS'LL NEVER BELIEVE THAT I STOLE THAT PAYROLL...
OCEA
MANOR
...AND YOU WON'T BE ***ALIVE*** TO TELL THEM!
BOOM!
BUT JUST THEN...
YOU! I THOUGHT I KILLED YOU!
WITH A SKI POLE? IT TAKES A LOT MORE THAN THAT TO CRACK THE SKULL OF A CASEY!


DESPERATE, CORNERED, ELWOOD CLAMBERS TO THE TOP OF THE DIVING BOARD... FOUR STORIES ABOVE THE FLOOR! AND HE LEAPS OUT INTO SPACE...
OMIGOSH! WHAT SOME GUYS WON'T DO TO ESCAPE CAPTURE!
BUT THE WILY CRIMINAL IS NOT TAKING ANY WILD CHANCES!
IF YOU CAN DO IT... SO CAN I!
WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! I DIDN'T FRAME *YOU*-- I FRAMED MASON!
MY BUSINESS IS MINDING OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS! YOU TRIED TO HAVE MASON MURDERED!
...AND I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!
SUPERB MUSCLES BUNCHING FOR A SUPREME EFFORT, THE ACE LENSMAN SPRINGS... AS THE LAST STRAND OF WIRE PARTS! AND...
MADE IT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
BUT ELWOOD'S DISPLAY PROVES HIS SLOGAN- "ELWOOD SIGNS ARE FAMOUS FOR REALISM!" FOR THE WHIRLING GENERATOR PRODUCES... *REAL* ELECTRICITY!
YOW!
AT THAT MOMENT...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
GET ME OUT OF THIS!
UNPIN ME FROM THIS DIVING TOWER!
S
OCEA


PRESENTLY...
YOU CRUMB! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA OF SENDING ME ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE? YOU KNEW MASON'S BODY WASN'T THERE!
SURE I DID! BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED THE TRUTH... ELWOOD IS THE GUY TO ARREST!
THIS MICKEY FINN ON LEGS FRAMED MASON! GAVE HIM 25 GRAND IN MARKED MONEY, THEN TRIED TO HAVE HIM KILLED!
IT'S A LIE! I DEMAND THE ARREST OF BARNEY MASON FOR PAYROLL ROBBERY!
THIS IS ONE TIME YOU SEEM TO BE WRONG, CASEY-- MASON'S AS GUILTY AS THEY COME! *WHAT'S THIS?*
RELAX, LOGAN! CASEY BORROWED A SOUND CAMERA TO FILM ELWOOD'S BATTLE! LET CASEY BORROW YOUR DARKROOM-- THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT'S WHAT!
AND AN HOUR LATER...
THE COPS'LL NEVER BELIEVE THAT *I* STOLE THAT PAYROLL!
NO! NO! THIS IS A TRICK!
OCEAN
...YOU TRIED TO HAVE MASON MURDERED!
...AND I'LL DO THE SAME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!
THE ROOM GETTING TOO HOT FOR YOU, ELWOOD?
LEMME OUTA HERE!
THUS, WITH THE AID OF FLASHGUN CASEY AND ANN WILLIAMS, THE TRAGEDY OF BARNEY MASON ENDS IN HAPPINESS! FOR A MONTH LATER...
THANKS TO YOU TWO, ELWOOD'S IN PRISON... THE INSURANCE COMPANY GAVE ME A REWARD... AND MY BOY'S OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL!
AW, STOP CHATTERING AND LOOK AT THE BIRDIE!
THE END

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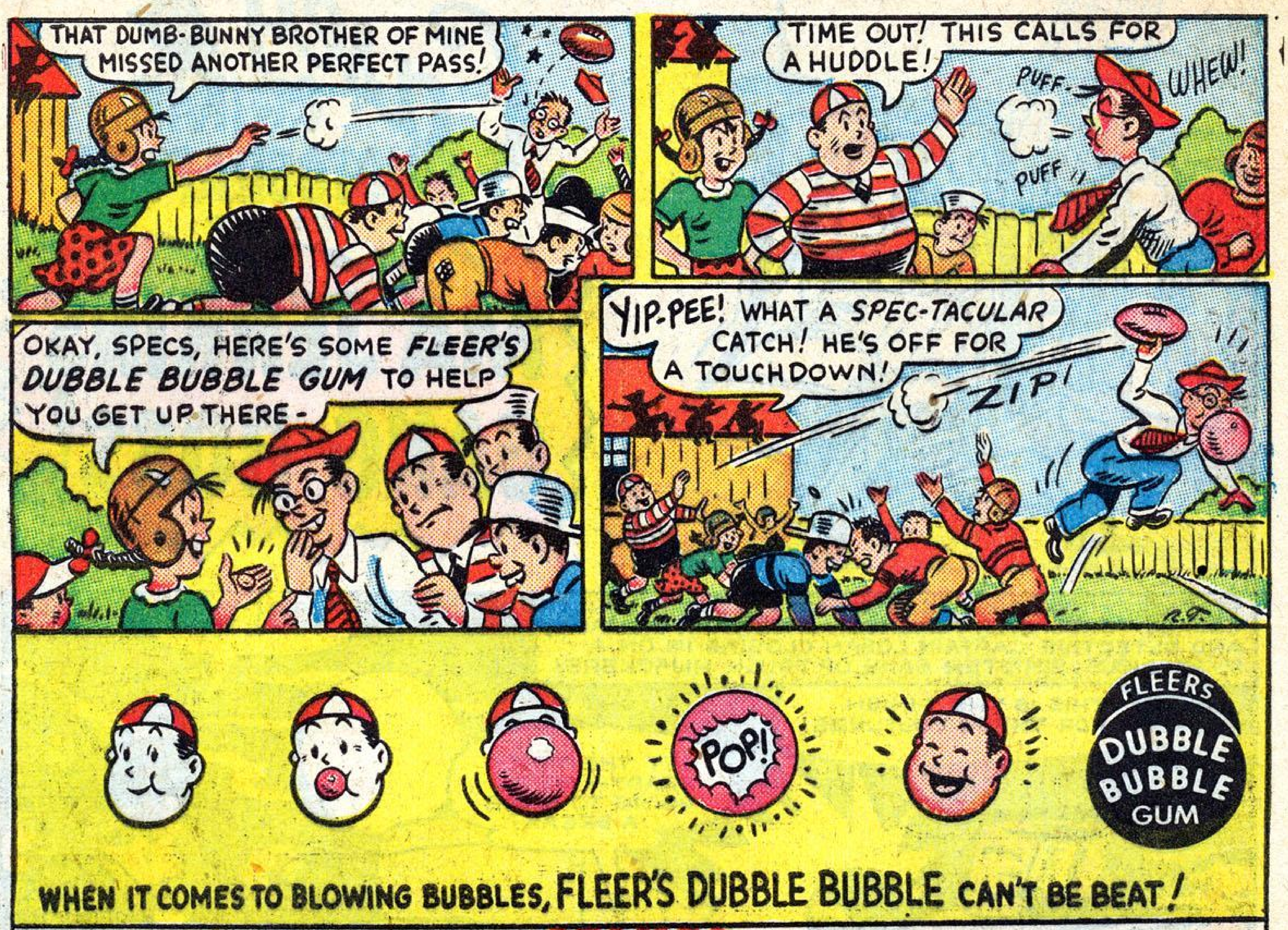
THAT DUMB-BUNNY BROTHER OF MINE MISSED ANOTHER PERFECT PASS!
TIME OUT! THIS CALLS FOR A HUDDLE!
PUFF
PUFF
WHEW!
OKAY, SPECS, HERE'S SOME FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM TO HELP YOU GET UP THERE-
YIP-PEE! WHAT A SPEC-TACULAR CATCH! HE'S OFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN!
ZIP!
POP!
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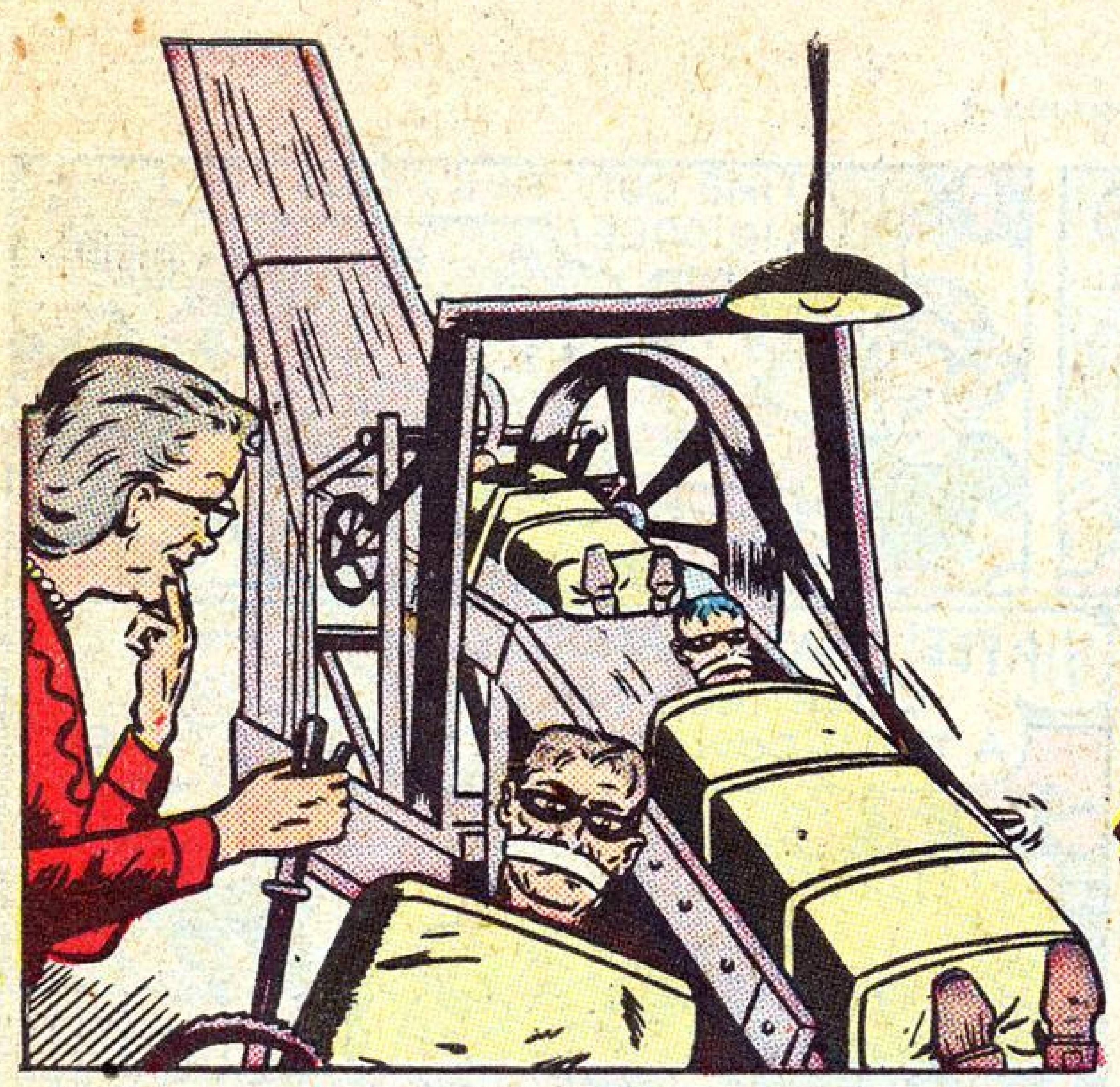
"MA" JENKINS, GANG BOSS!



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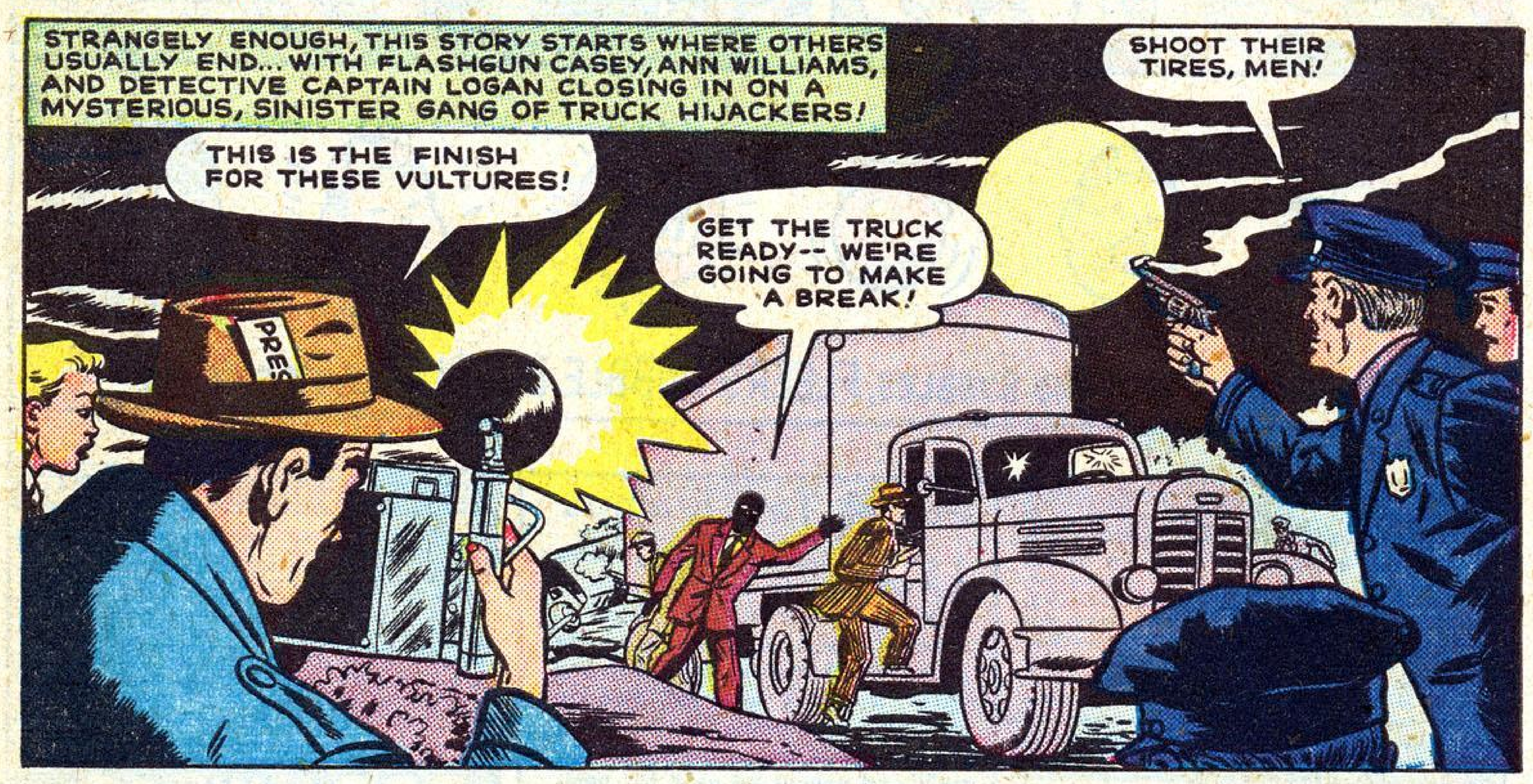
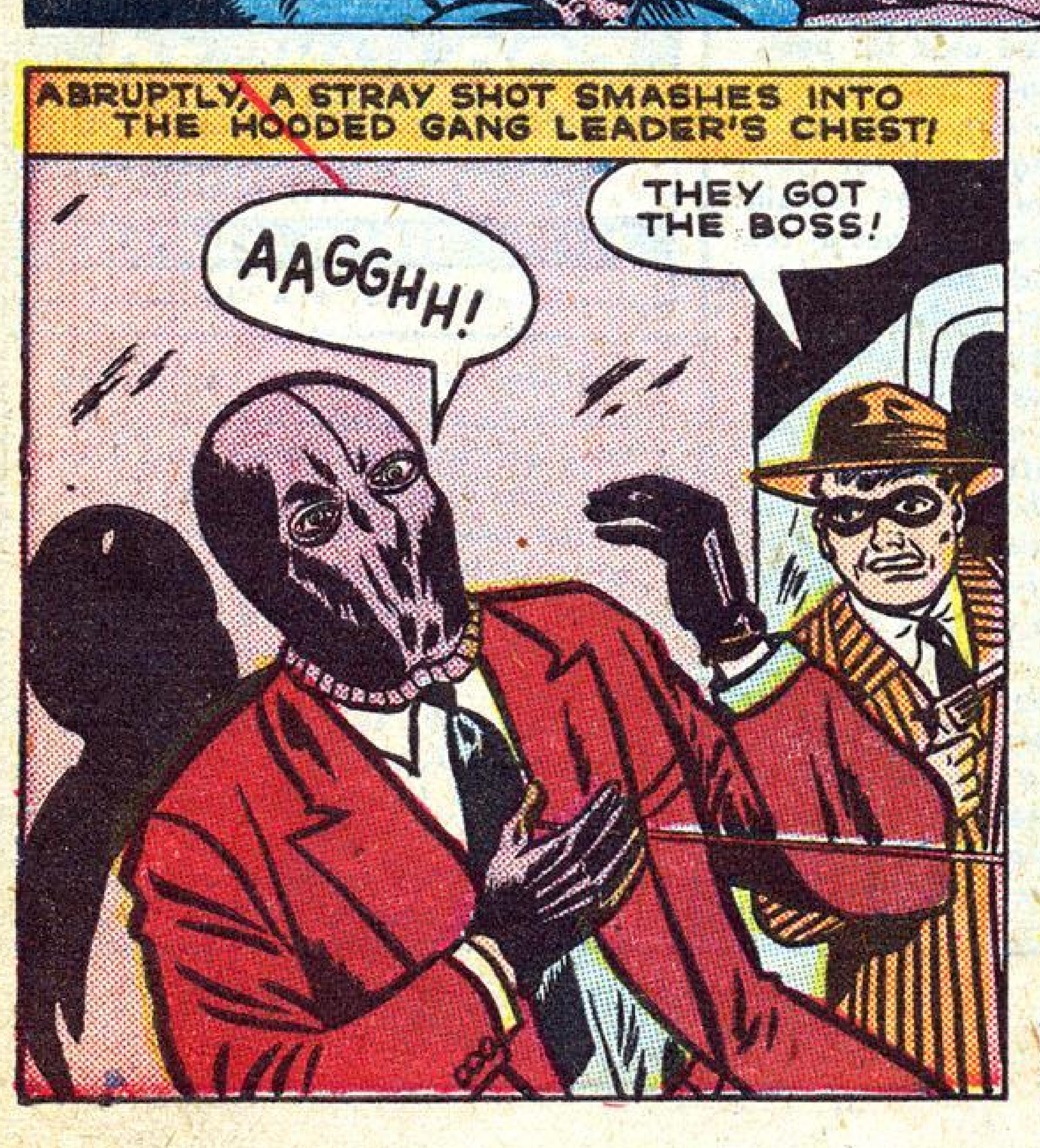
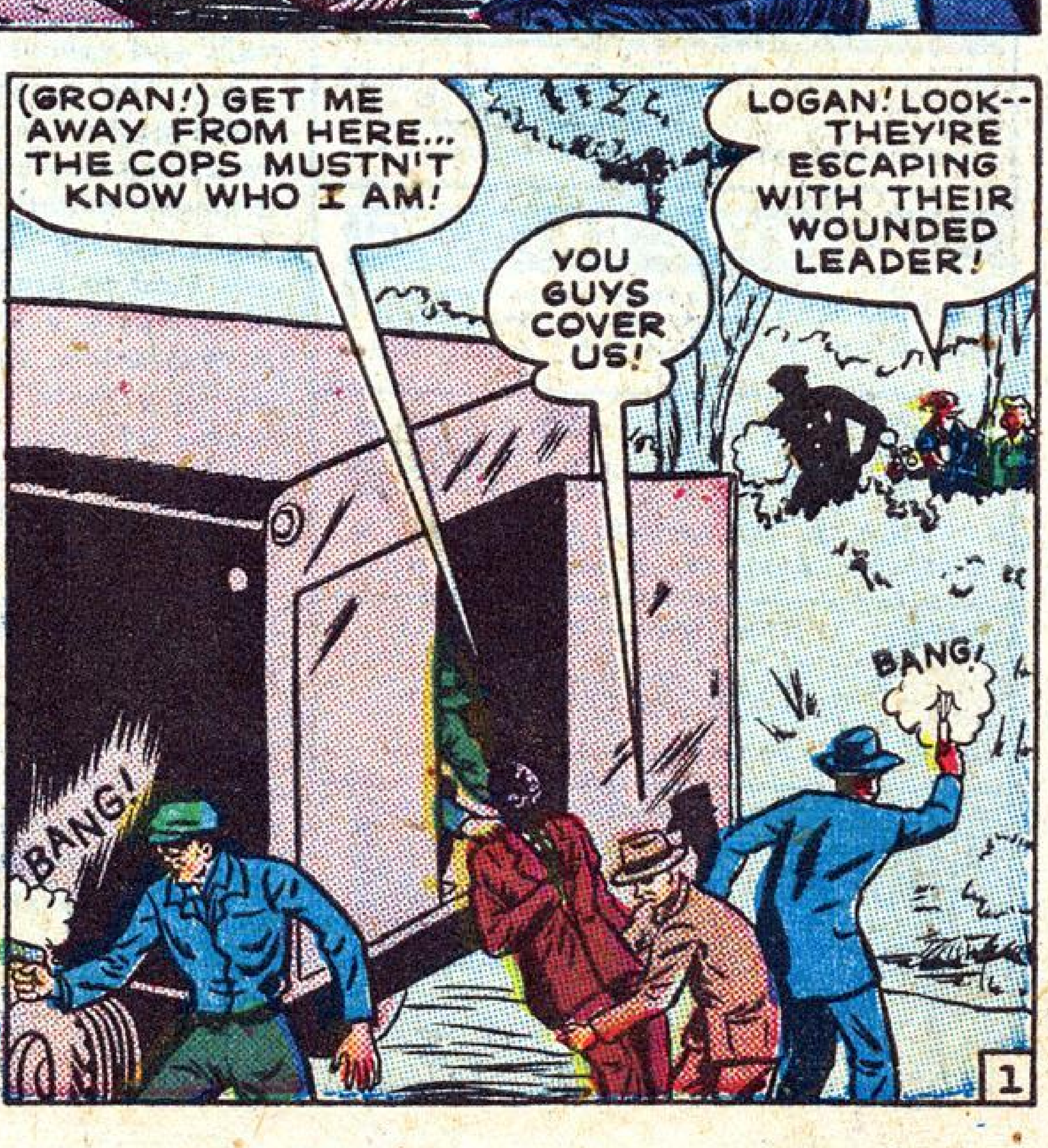
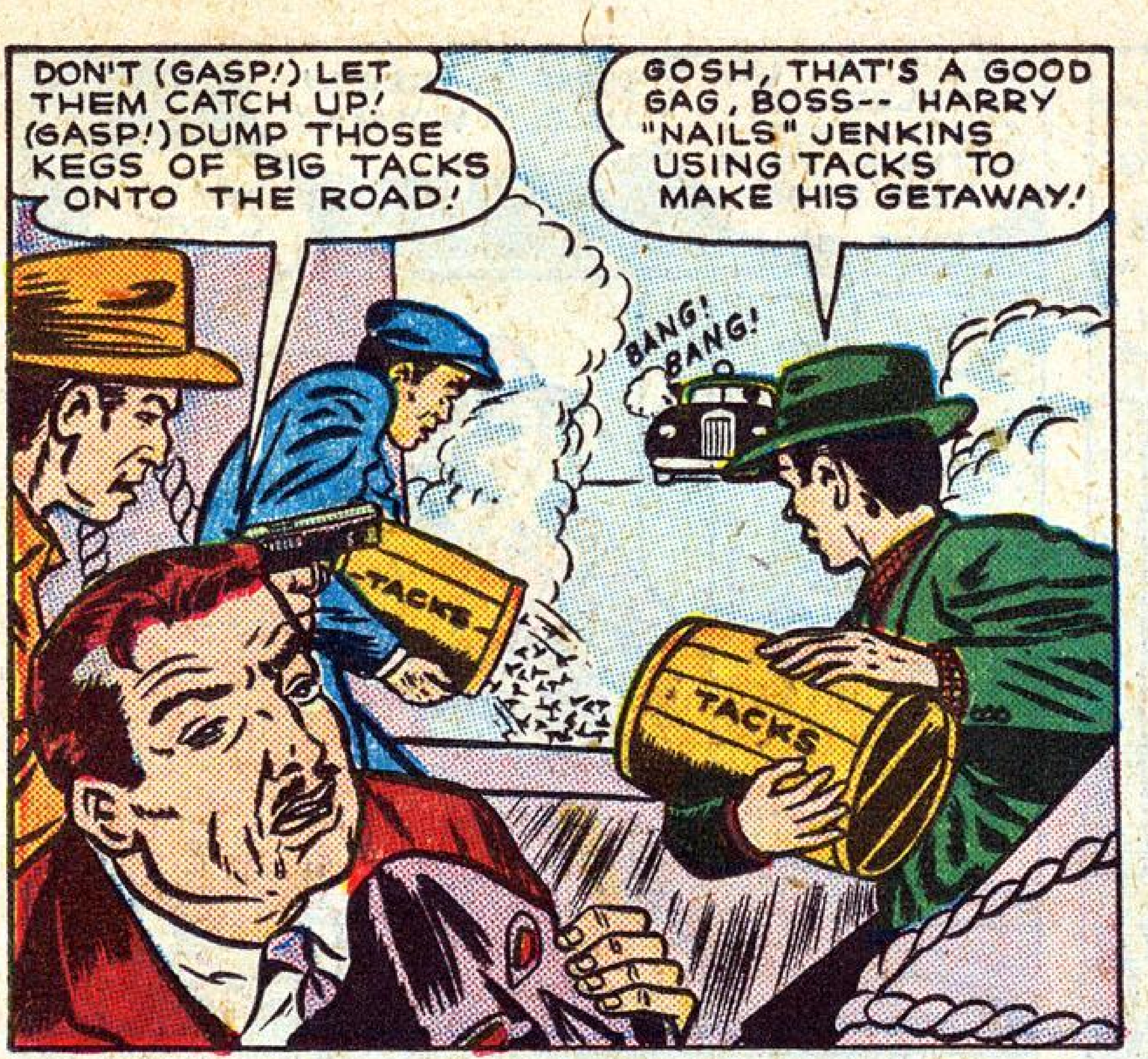
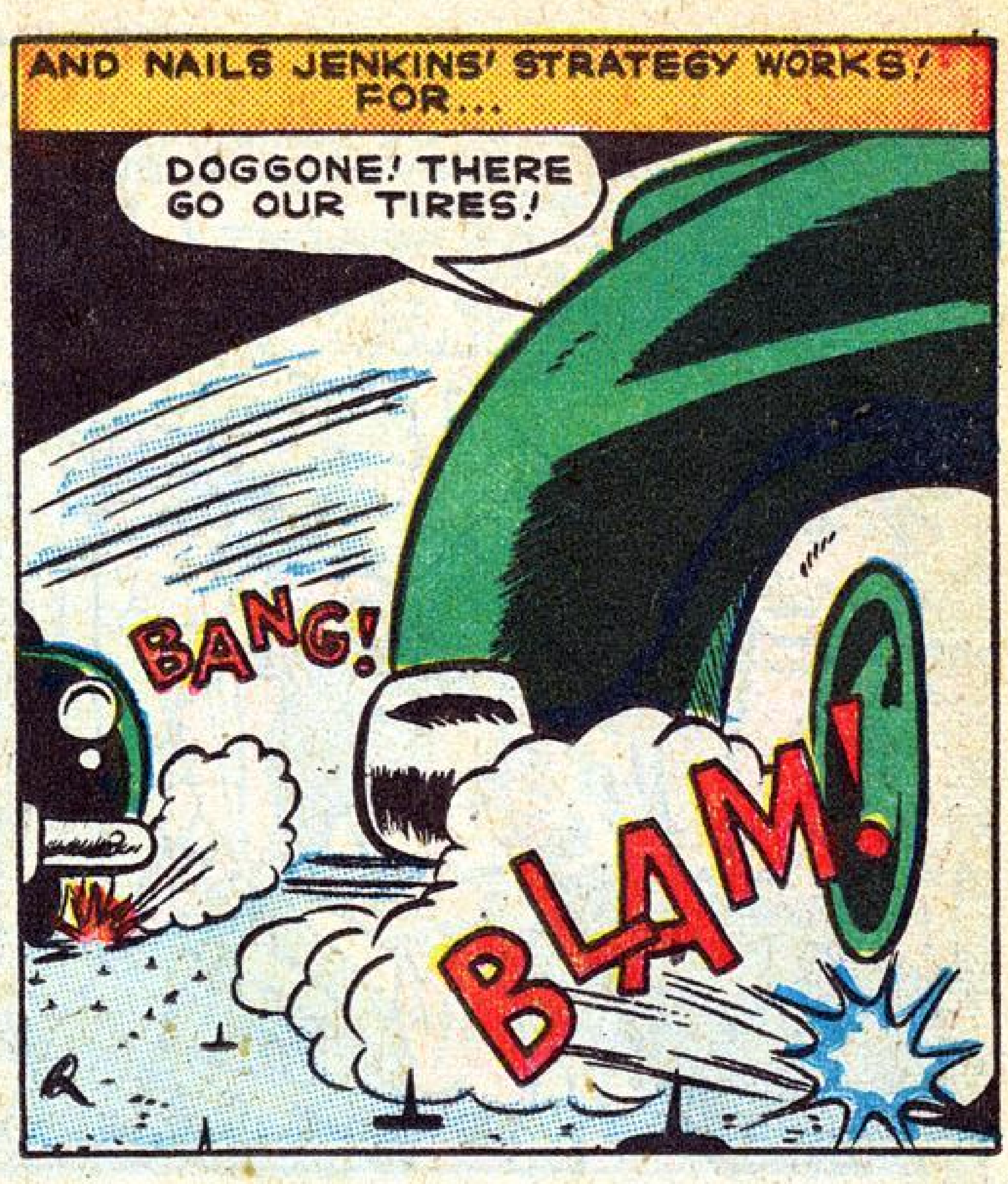
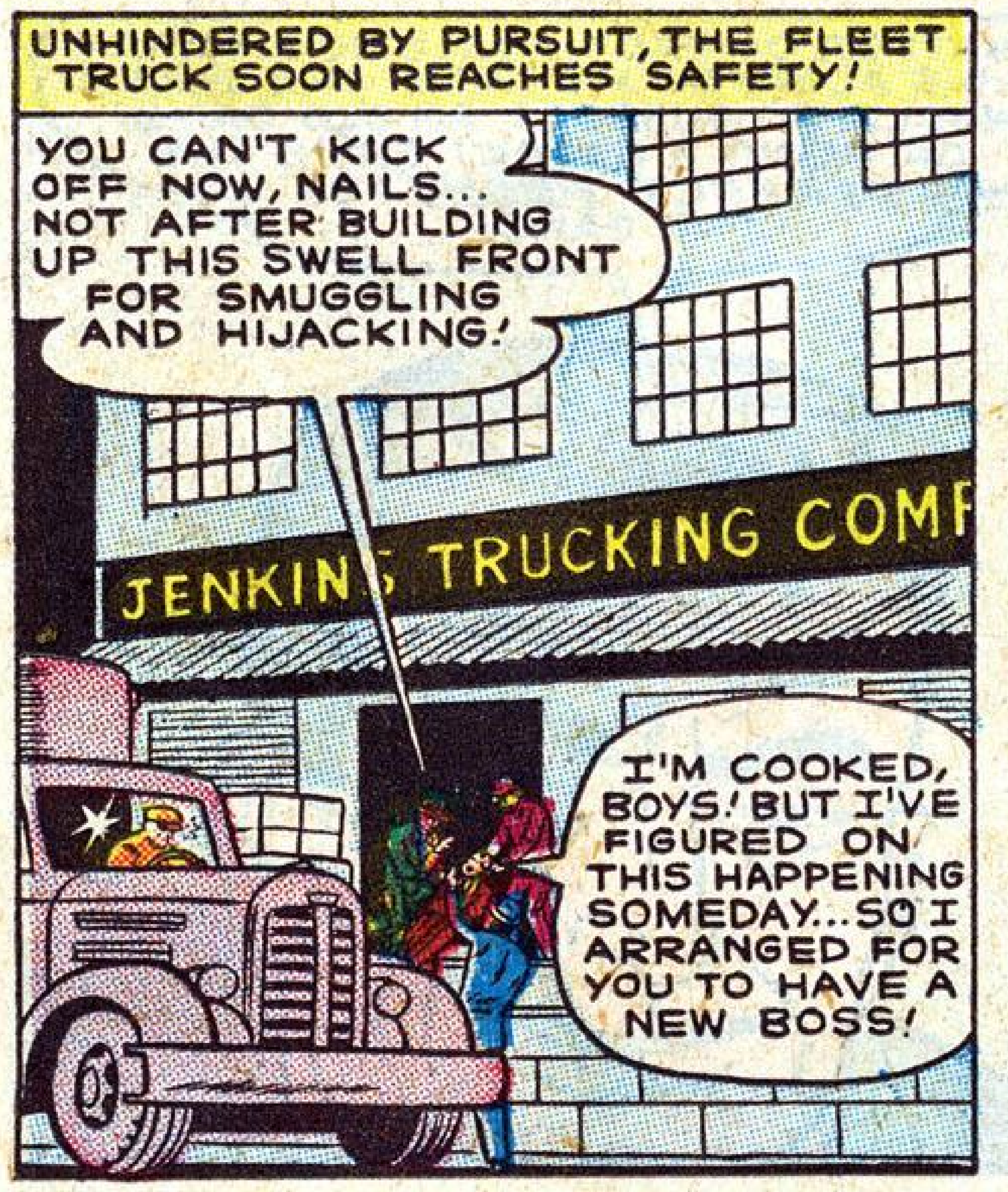

STRANGELY ENOUGH, THIS STORY STARTS WHERE OTHERS USUALLY END... WITH FLASHGUN CASEY, ANN WILLIAMS, AND DETECTIVE CAPTAIN LOGAN CLOSING IN ON A MYSTERIOUS, SINISTER GANG OF TRUCK HIJACKERS!
SHOOT THEIR TIRES, MEN!
THIS IS THE FINISH FOR THESE VULTURES!
GET THE TRUCK READY-- WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A BREAK!
PRESS

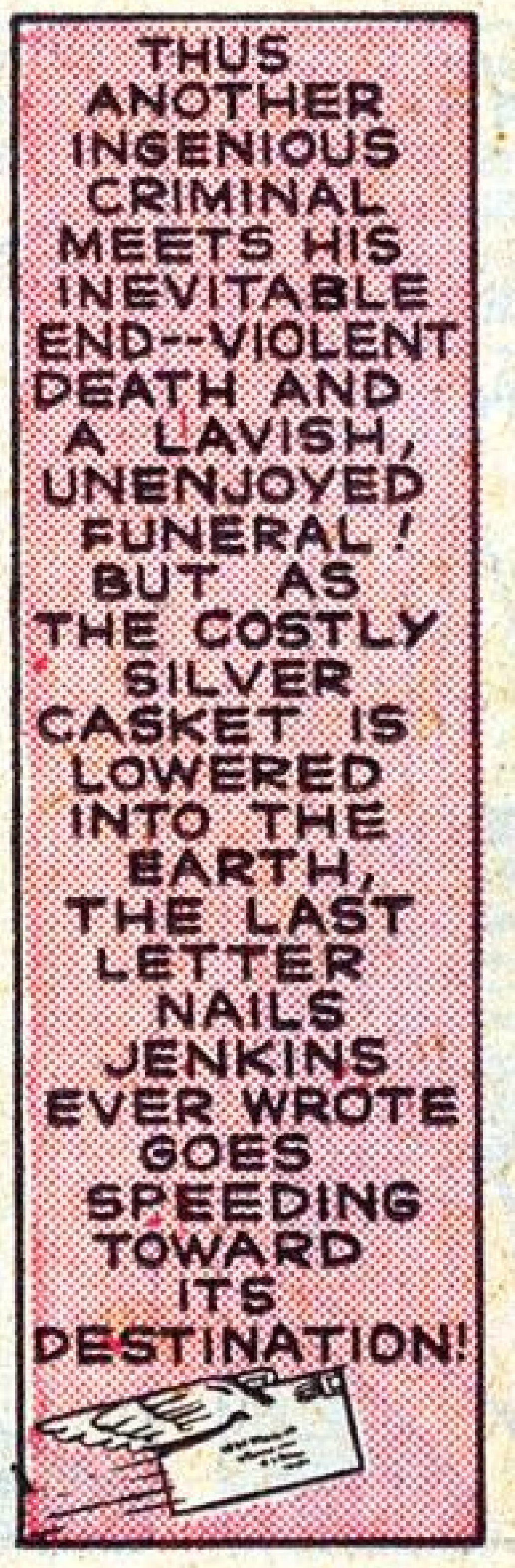

ABRUPTLY, A STRAY SHOT SMASHES INTO THE HOODED GANG LEADER'S CHEST!
THEY GOT THE BOSS!
AAGGHH!

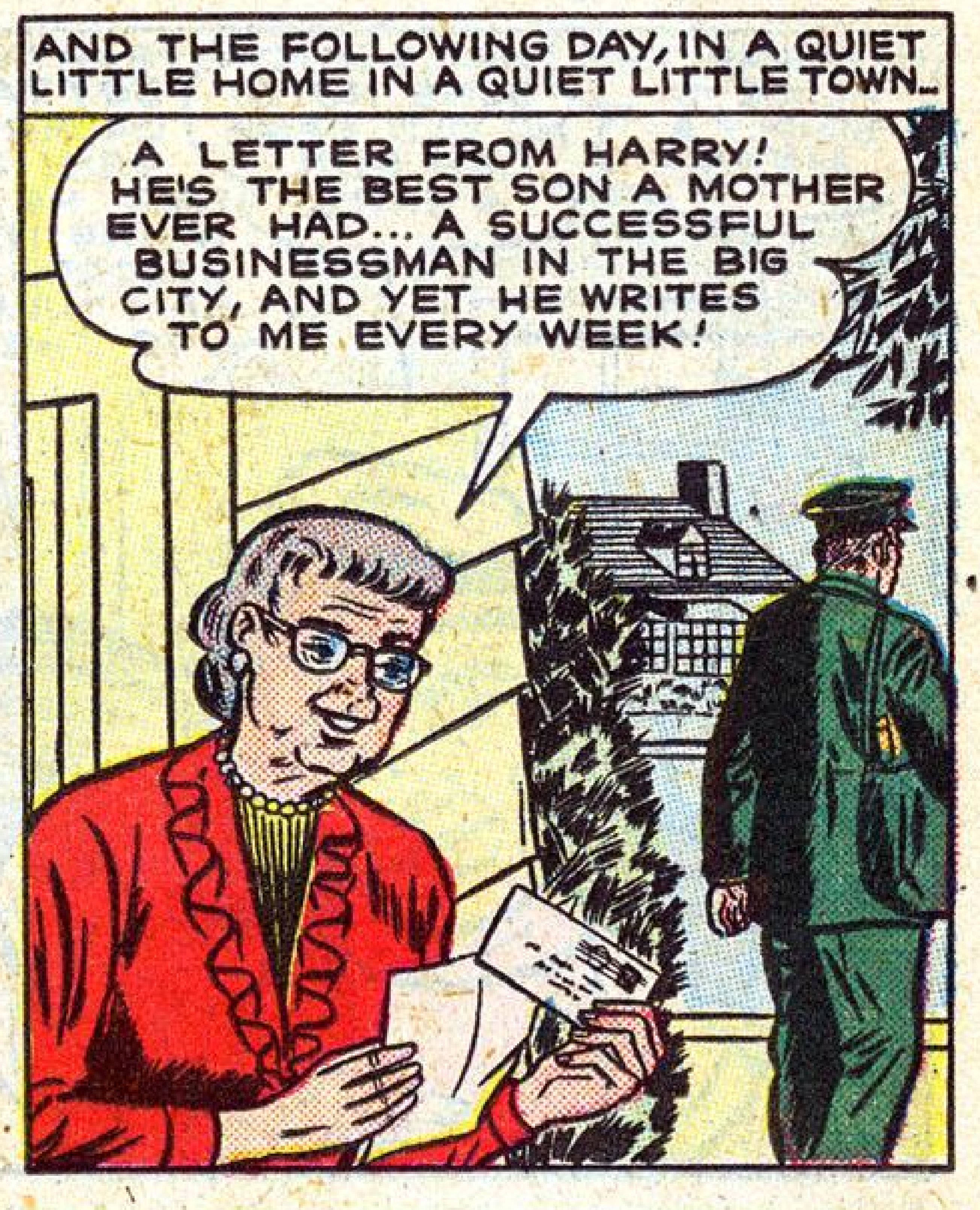

(GROAN!) GET ME AWAY FROM HERE... THE COPS MUSTN'T KNOW WHO I AM!
LOGAN! LOOK-- THEY'RE ESCAPING WITH THEIR WOUNDED LEADER!
YOU GUYS COVER US!
BANG!
BANG!

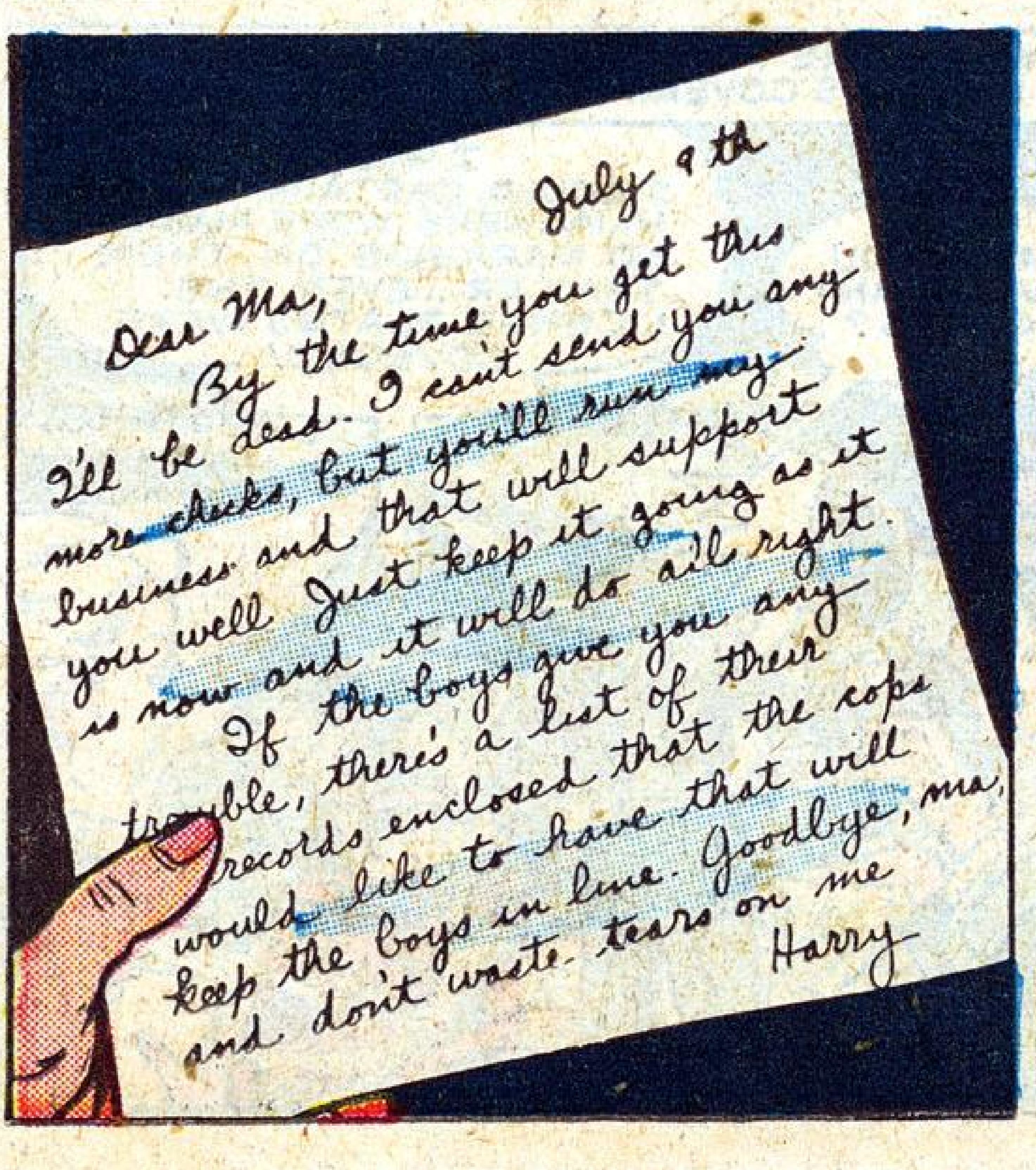

DON'T (GASP!) LET THEM CATCH UP! (GASP!) DUMP THOSE KEGS OF BIG TACKS ONTO THE ROAD!
GOSH, THAT'S A GOOD GAG, BOSS-- HARRY "NAILS" JENKINS USING TACKS TO MAKE HIS GETAWAY!
BANG! BANG!
TACKS
TACKS


AND NAILS JENKINS' STRATEGY WORKS! FOR...
DOGGONE! THERE GO OUR TIRES!
BANG!
BLAM!


UNHINDERED BY PURSUIT, THE FLEET TRUCK SOON REACHES SAFETY!
YOU CAN'T KICK OFF NOW, NAILS... NOT AFTER BUILDING UP THIS SWELL FRONT FOR SMUGGLING AND HIJACKING!
JENKINS TRUCKING COMP
I'M COOKED, BOYS! BUT I'VE FIGURED ON THIS HAPPENING SOMEDAY... SO I ARRANGED FOR YOU TO HAVE A NEW BOSS!


THUS ANOTHER INGENIOUS CRIMINAL MEETS HIS INEVITABLE END--VIOLENT DEATH AND A LAVISH, UNENJOYED FUNERAL! BUT AS THE COSTLY SILVER CASKET IS LOWERED INTO THE EARTH, THE LAST LETTER NAILS JENKINS EVER WROTE GOES SPEEDING TOWARD ITS DESTINATION!


AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN A QUIET LITTLE HOME IN A QUIET LITTLE TOWN...
A LETTER FROM HARRY! HE'S THE BEST SON A MOTHER EVER HAD... A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN IN THE BIG CITY, AND YET HE WRITES TO ME EVERY WEEK!



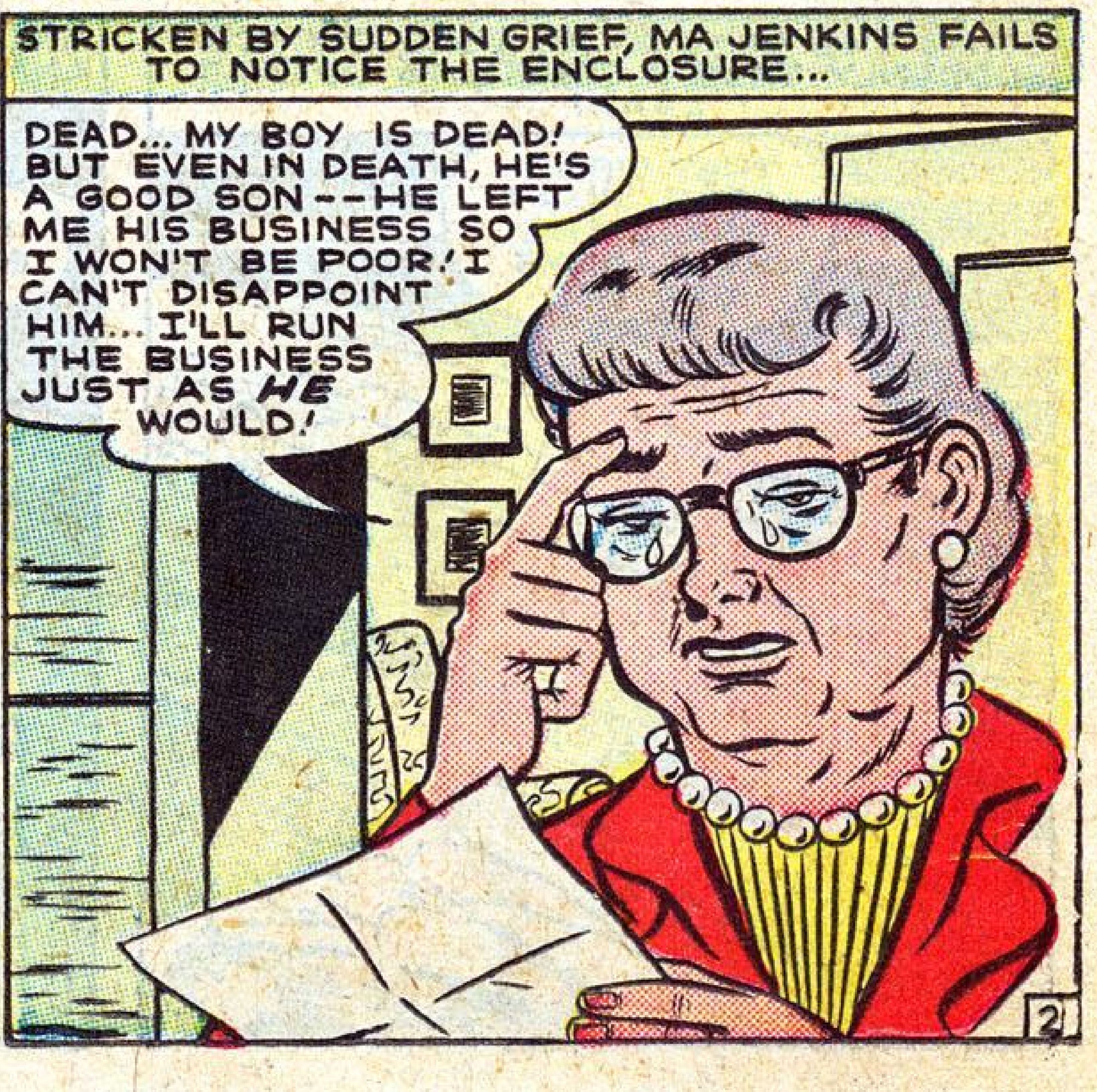
July 9th

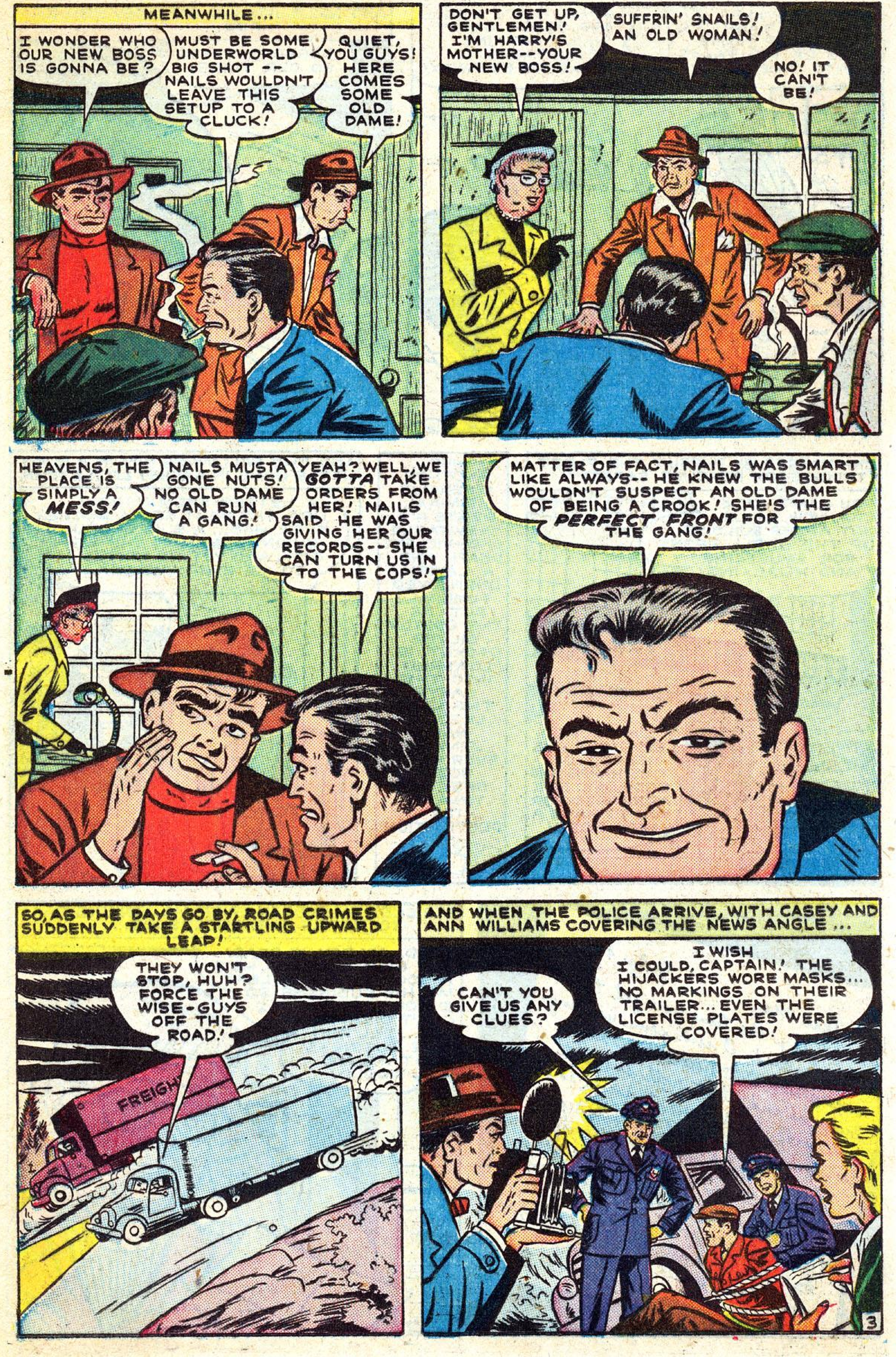
Dear Ma,

By the time you get this I'll be dead. I can't send you any more checks, but you'll run my business and that will support you well. Just keep it going as it is now and it will do all right.

If the boys give you any trouble, there's a list of their records enclosed that the cops would like to have that will keep the boys in line. Goodbye, ma, and don't waste tears on me

Harry


STRICKEN BY SUDDEN GRIEF, MA JENKINS FAILS TO NOTICE THE ENCLOSURE...
DEAD... MY BOY IS DEAD! BUT EVEN IN DEATH, HE'S A GOOD SON--HE LEFT ME HIS BUSINESS SO I WON'T BE POOR! I CAN'T DISAPPOINT HIM... I'LL RUN THE BUSINESS JUST AS HE WOULD!


MEANWHILE...
I WONDER WHO OUR NEW BOSS IS GONNA BE?
MUST BE SOME UNDERWORLD BIG SHOT -- NAILS WOULDN'T LEAVE THIS SETUP TO A CLUCK!
QUIET, YOU GUYS! HERE COMES SOME OLD DAME!
DON'T GET UP, GENTLEMEN! I'M HARRY'S MOTHER--YOUR NEW BOSS!
SUFFRIN' SNAILS! AN OLD WOMAN!
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
HEAVENS, THE PLACE IS SIMPLY A *MESS!*
NAILS MUSTA GONE NUTS! NO OLD DAME CAN RUN A GANG!
YEAH? WELL, WE *GOTTA* TAKE ORDERS FROM HER! NAILS SAID HE WAS GIVING HER OUR RECORDS--SHE CAN TURN US IN TO THE COPS!
MATTER OF FACT, NAILS WAS SMART LIKE ALWAYS-- HE KNEW THE BULLS WOULDN'T SUSPECT AN OLD DAME OF BEING A CROOK! SHE'S THE *PERFECT FRONT* FOR THE GANG!
SO, AS THE DAYS GO BY, ROAD CRIMES SUDDENLY TAKE A STARTLING UPWARD LEAP!
THEY WON'T STOP, HUH? FORCE THE WISE-GUYS OFF THE ROAD!
FREIGH
AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE, WITH CASEY AND ANN WILLIAMS COVERING THE NEWS ANGLE...
CAN'T YOU GIVE US ANY CLUES?
I WISH I COULD, CAPTAIN! THE HIJACKERS WORE MASKS... NO MARKINGS ON THEIR TRAILER... EVEN THE LICENSE PLATES WERE COVERED!
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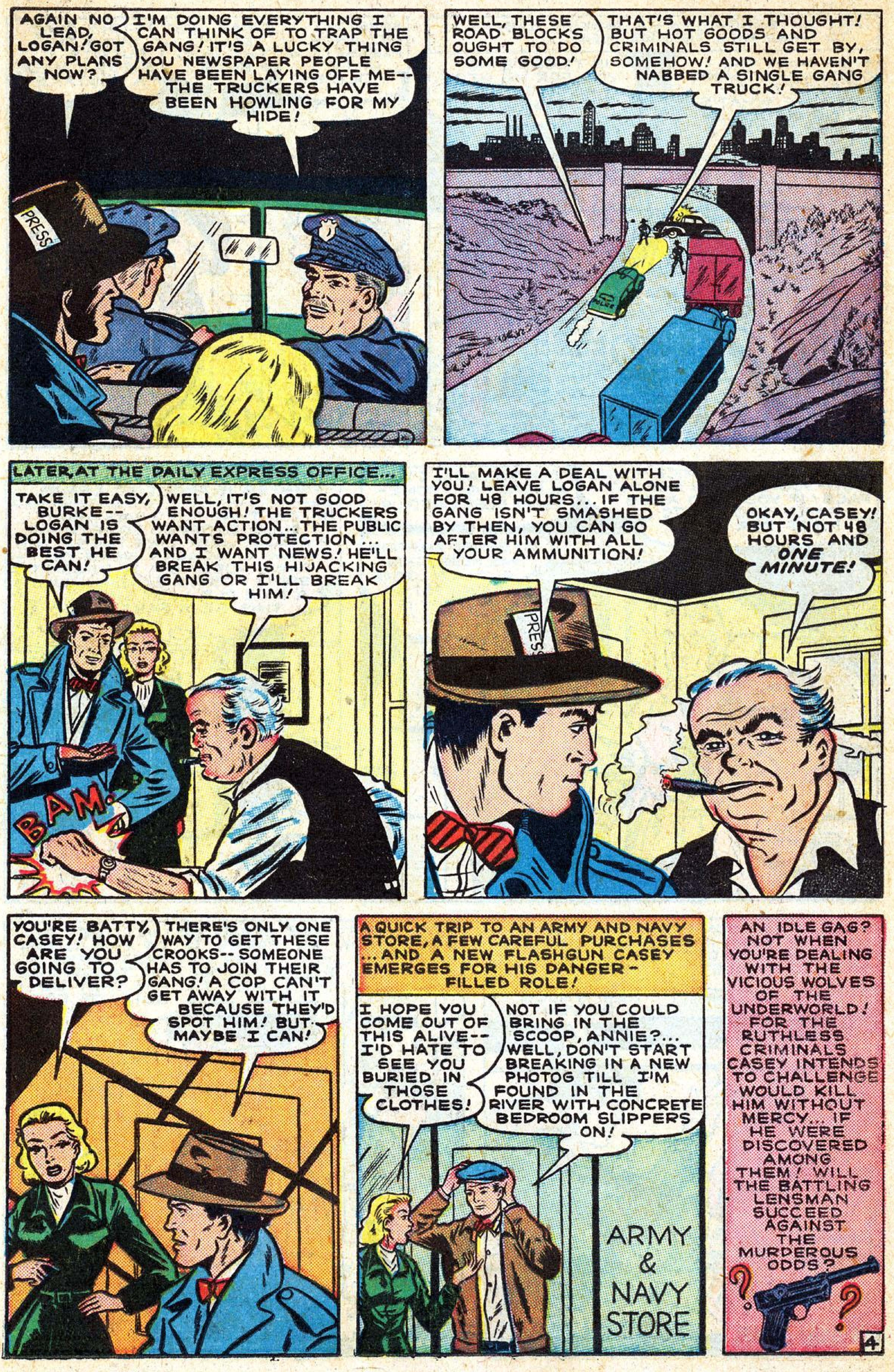
AGAIN NO LEAD, LOGAN! GOT ANY PLANS NOW?
I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN THINK OF TO TRAP THE GANG! IT'S A LUCKY THING YOU NEWSPAPER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LAYING OFF ME-- THE TRUCKERS HAVE BEEN HOWLING FOR MY HIDE!
PRESS
WELL, THESE ROAD BLOCKS OUGHT TO DO SOME GOOD!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT! BUT HOT GOODS AND CRIMINALS STILL GET BY, SOMEHOW! AND WE HAVEN'T NABBED A SINGLE GANG TRUCK!
LATER, AT THE DAILY EXPRESS OFFICE...
TAKE IT EASY, BURKE-- LOGAN IS DOING THE BEST HE CAN!
WELL, IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH! THE TRUCKERS WANT ACTION... THE PUBLIC WANTS PROTECTION... AND I WANT NEWS! HE'LL BREAK THIS HIJACKING GANG OR I'LL BREAK HIM!
BAM!
I'LL MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU! LEAVE LOGAN ALONE FOR 48 HOURS... IF THE GANG ISN'T SMASHED BY THEN, YOU CAN GO AFTER HIM WITH ALL YOUR AMMUNITION!
OKAY, CASEY! BUT NOT 48 HOURS AND ONE MINUTE!
PRESS
YOU'RE BATTY, CASEY! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DELIVER?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET THESE CROOKS-- SOMEONE HAS TO JOIN THEIR GANG! A COP CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY'D SPOT HIM! BUT MAYBE I CAN!
A QUICK TRIP TO AN ARMY AND NAVY STORE, A FEW CAREFUL PURCHASES ... AND A NEW FLASHGUN CASEY EMERGES FOR HIS DANGER-FILLED ROLE!
I HOPE YOU COME OUT OF THIS ALIVE-- I'D HATE TO SEE YOU BURIED IN THOSE CLOTHES!
NOT IF YOU COULD BRING IN THE SCOOP, ANNIE?... WELL, DON'T START BREAKING IN A NEW PHOTOG TILL I'M FOUND IN THE RIVER WITH CONCRETE BEDROOM SLIPPERS ON!
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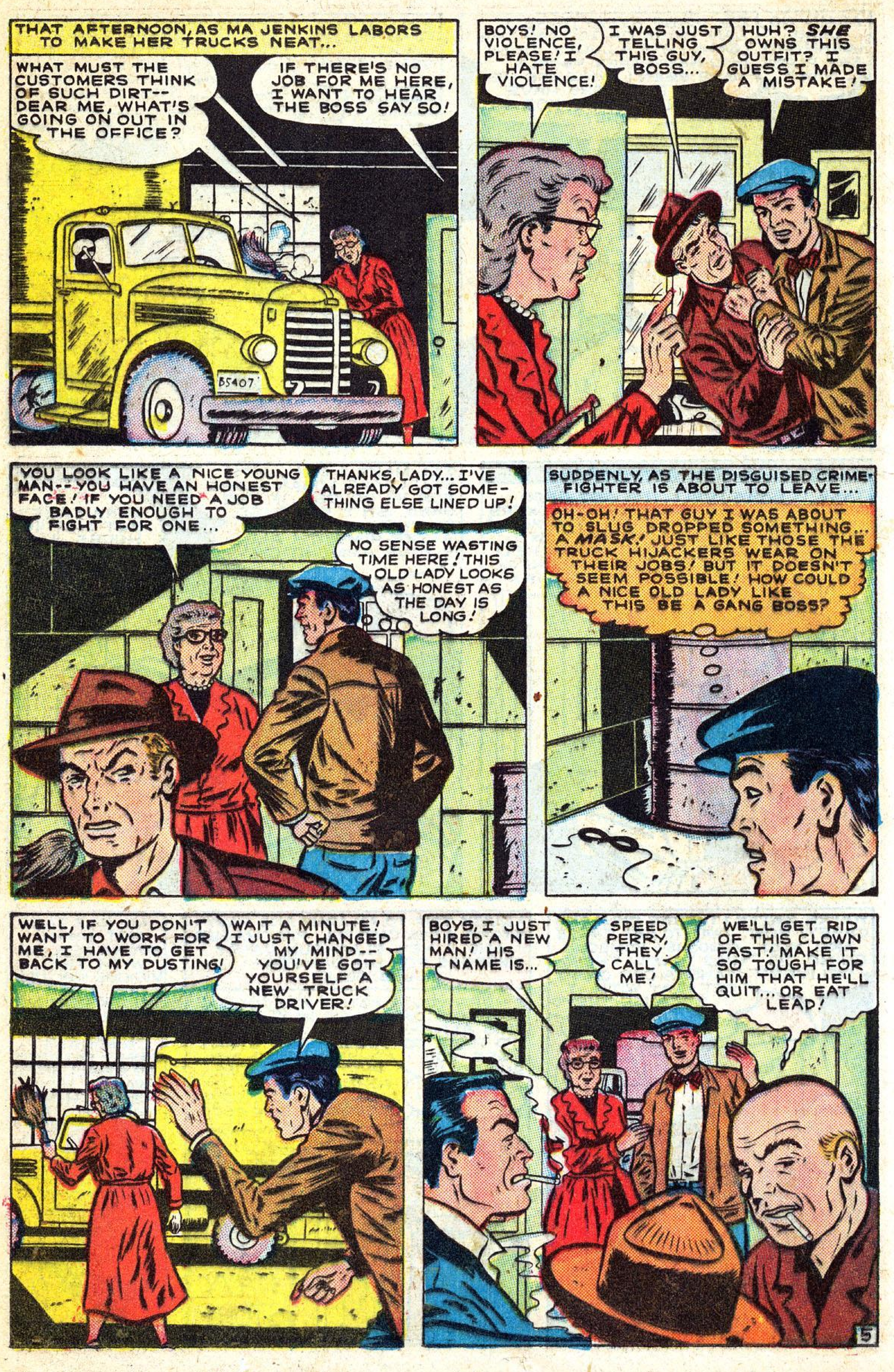
THAT AFTERNOON, AS MA JENKINS LABORS TO MAKE HER TRUCKS NEAT...
WHAT MUST THE CUSTOMERS THINK OF SUCH DIRT-- DEAR ME, WHAT'S GOING ON OUT IN THE OFFICE?
IF THERE'S NO JOB FOR ME HERE, I WANT TO HEAR THE BOSS SAY SO!
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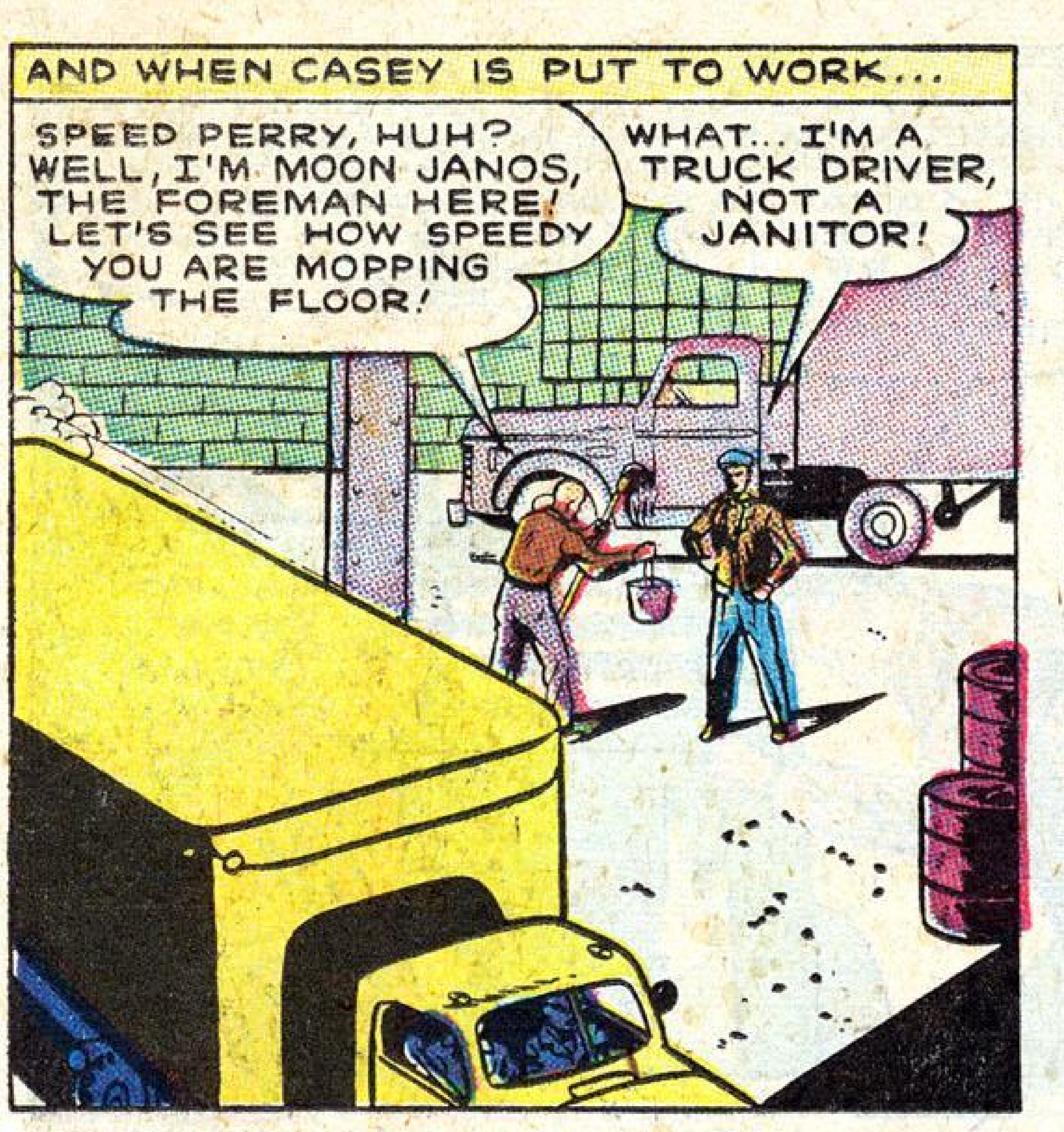
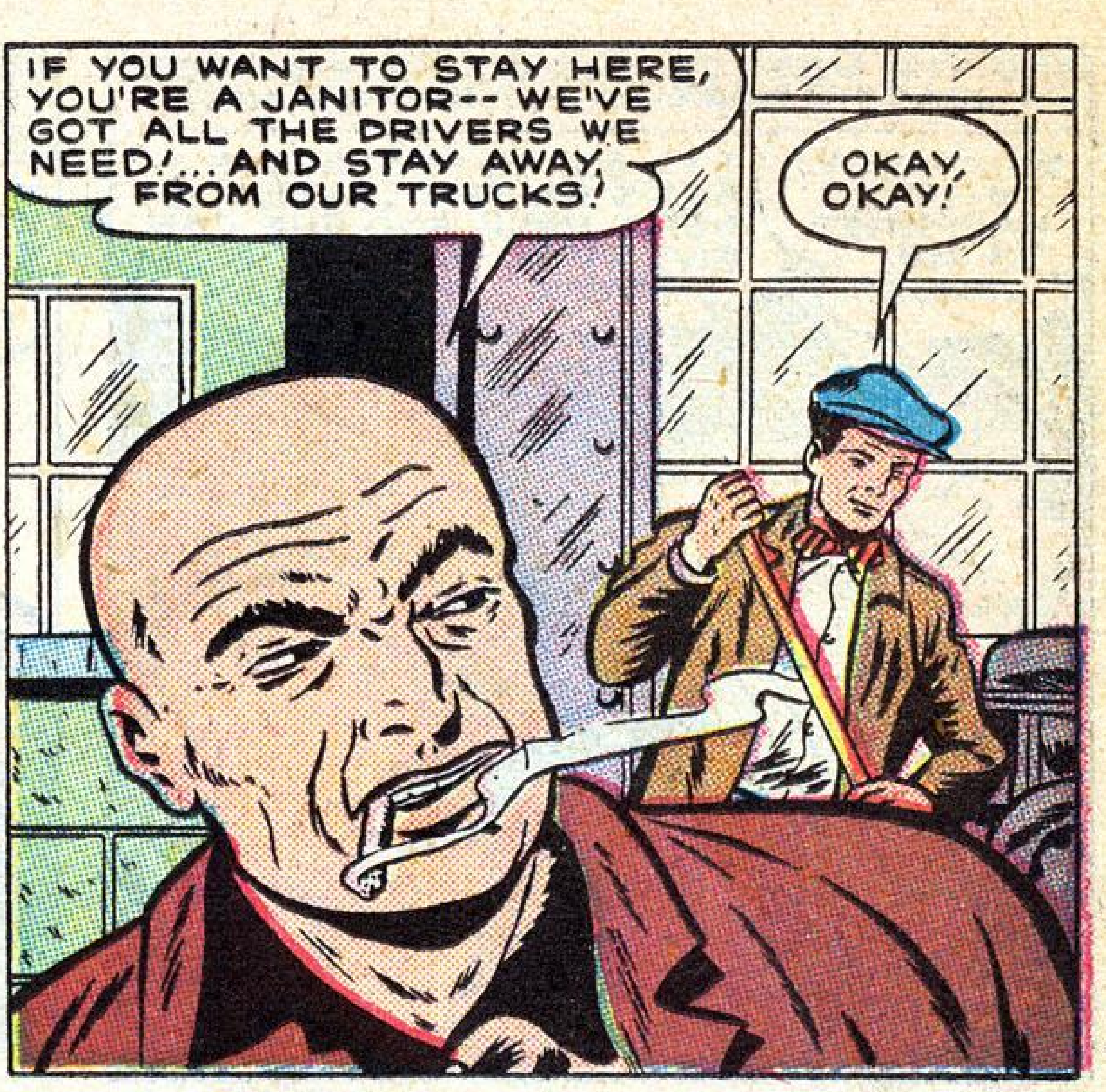
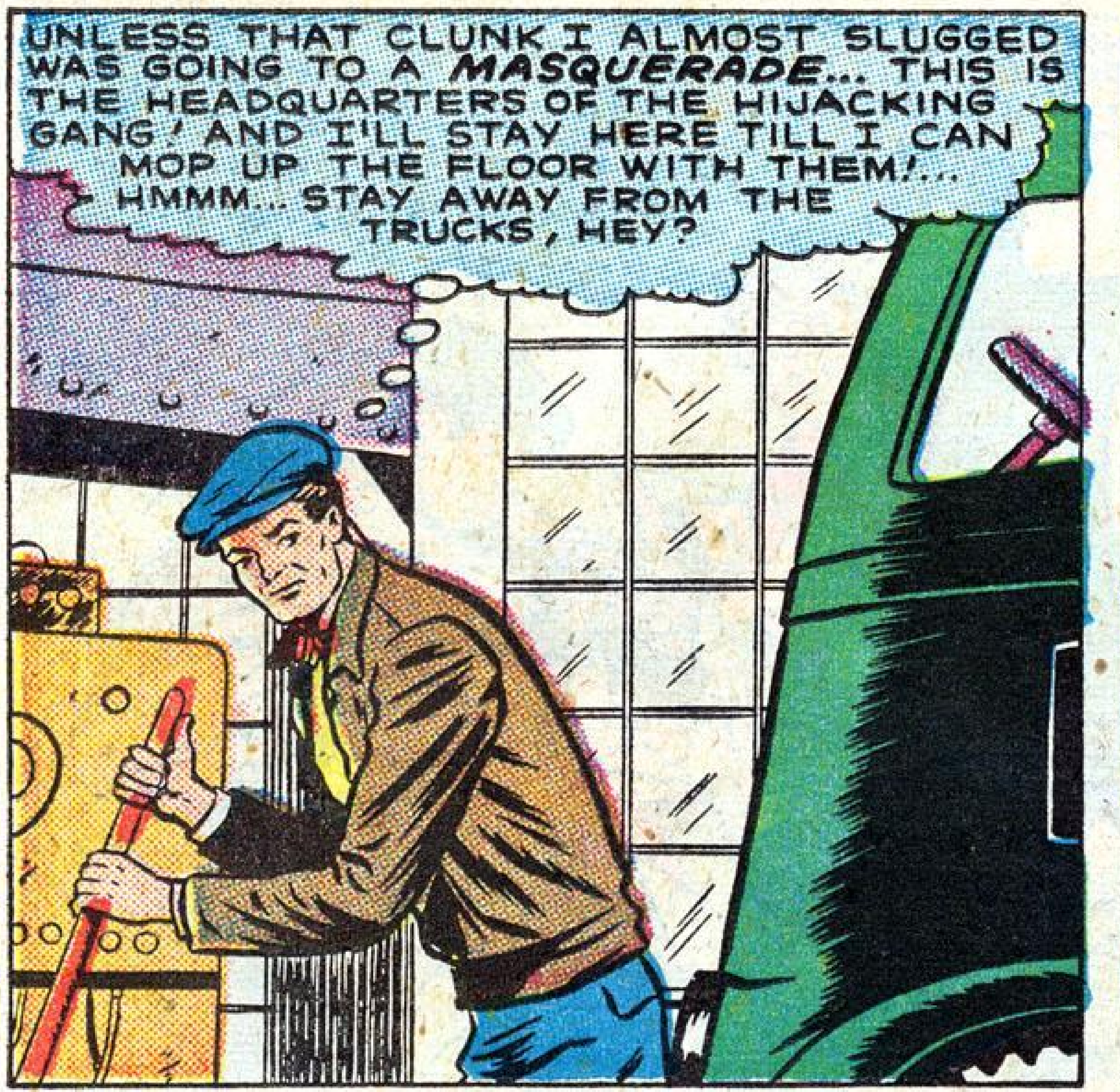
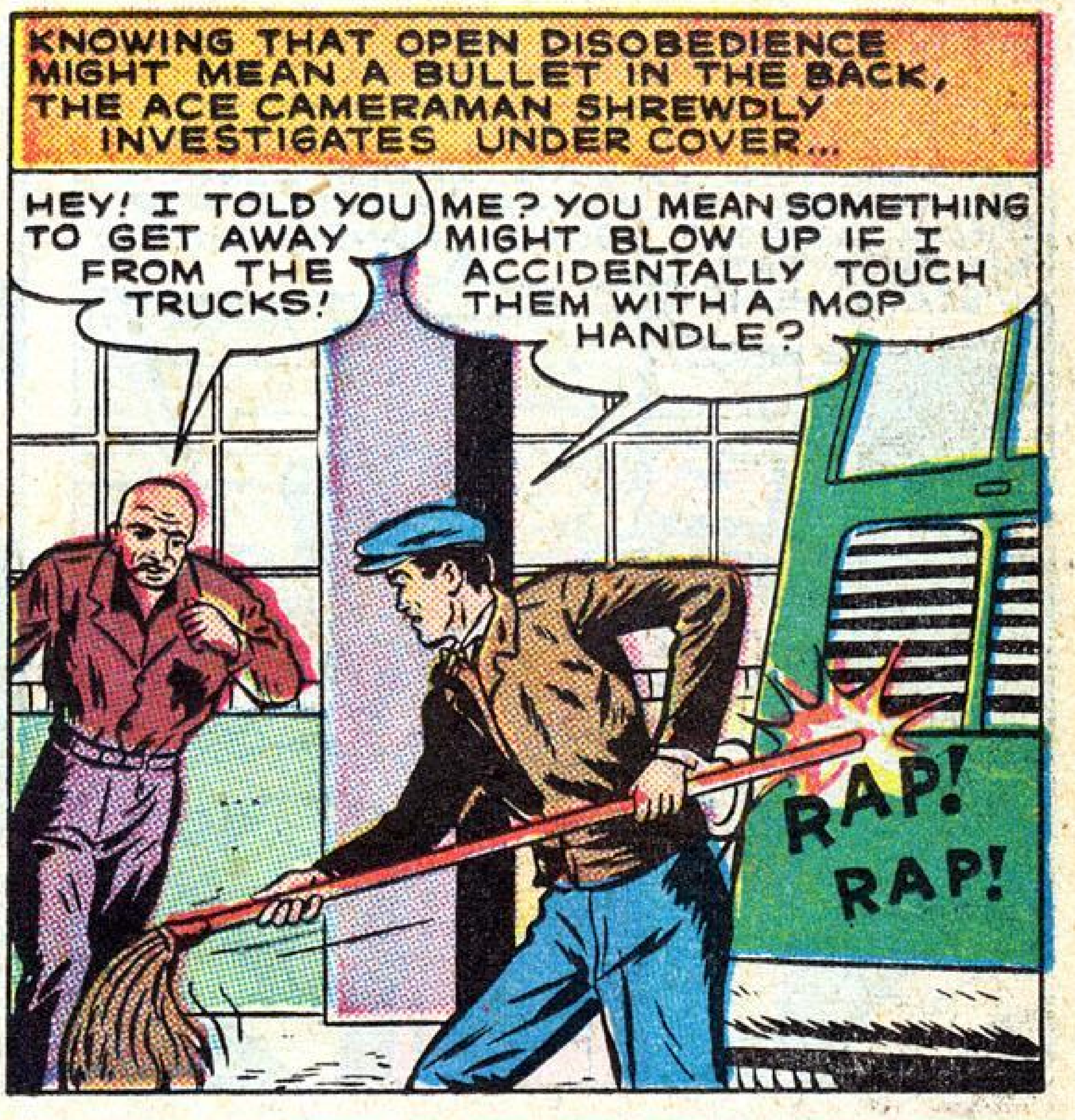
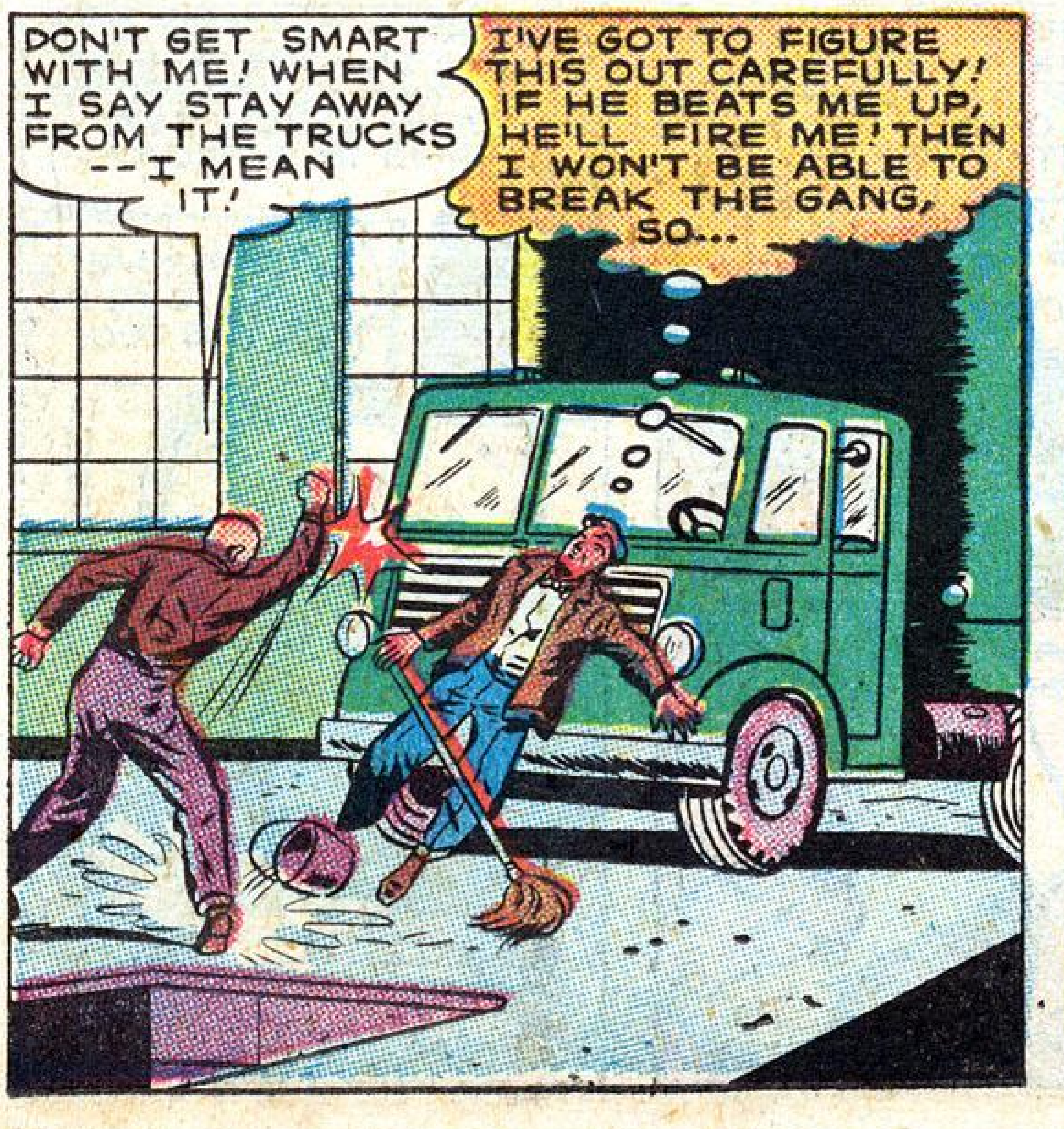
BOYS! NO VIOLENCE, PLEASE! I HATE VIOLENCE!
I WAS JUST TELLING THIS GUY, BOSS...
HUH? SHE OWNS THIS OUTFIT? I GUESS I MADE A MISTAKE!
YOU LOOK LIKE A NICE YOUNG MAN-- YOU HAVE AN HONEST FACE! IF YOU NEED A JOB BADLY ENOUGH TO FIGHT FOR ONE...
THANKS, LADY... I'VE ALREADY GOT SOMETHING ELSE LINED UP!
NO SENSE WASTING TIME HERE! THIS OLD LADY LOOKS AS HONEST AS THE DAY IS LONG!
SUDDENLY, AS THE DISGUISED CRIME-FIGHTER IS ABOUT TO LEAVE...
OH-OH! THAT GUY I WAS ABOUT TO SLUG DROPPED SOMETHING... A MASK! JUST LIKE THOSE THE TRUCK HIJACKERS WEAR ON THEIR JOBS! BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE! HOW COULD A NICE OLD LADY LIKE THIS BE A GANG BOSS?
WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WORK FOR ME, I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY DUSTING!
WAIT A MINUTE! I JUST CHANGED MY MIND-- YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A NEW TRUCK DRIVER!
BOYS, I JUST HIRED A NEW MAN! HIS NAME IS...
SPEED PERRY, THEY CALL ME!
WE'LL GET RID OF THIS CLOWN FAST! MAKE IT SO TOUGH FOR HIM THAT HE'LL QUIT... OR EAT LEAD!

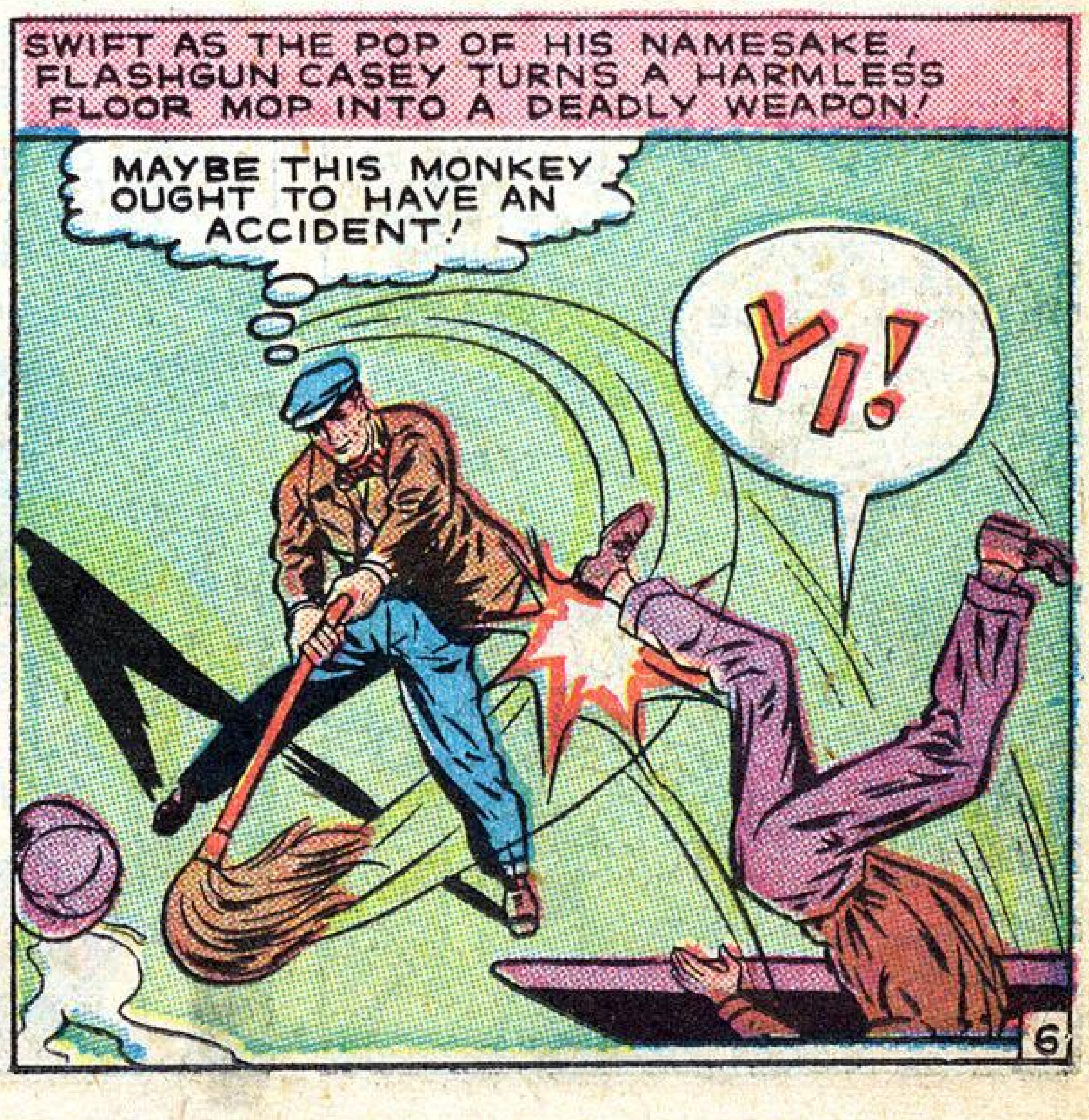

AND WHEN CASEY IS PUT TO WORK...
SPEED PERRY, HUH? WELL, I'M MOON JANOS, THE FOREMAN HERE! LET'S SEE HOW SPEEDY YOU ARE MOPPING THE FLOOR!
WHAT... I'M A TRUCK DRIVER, NOT A JANITOR!

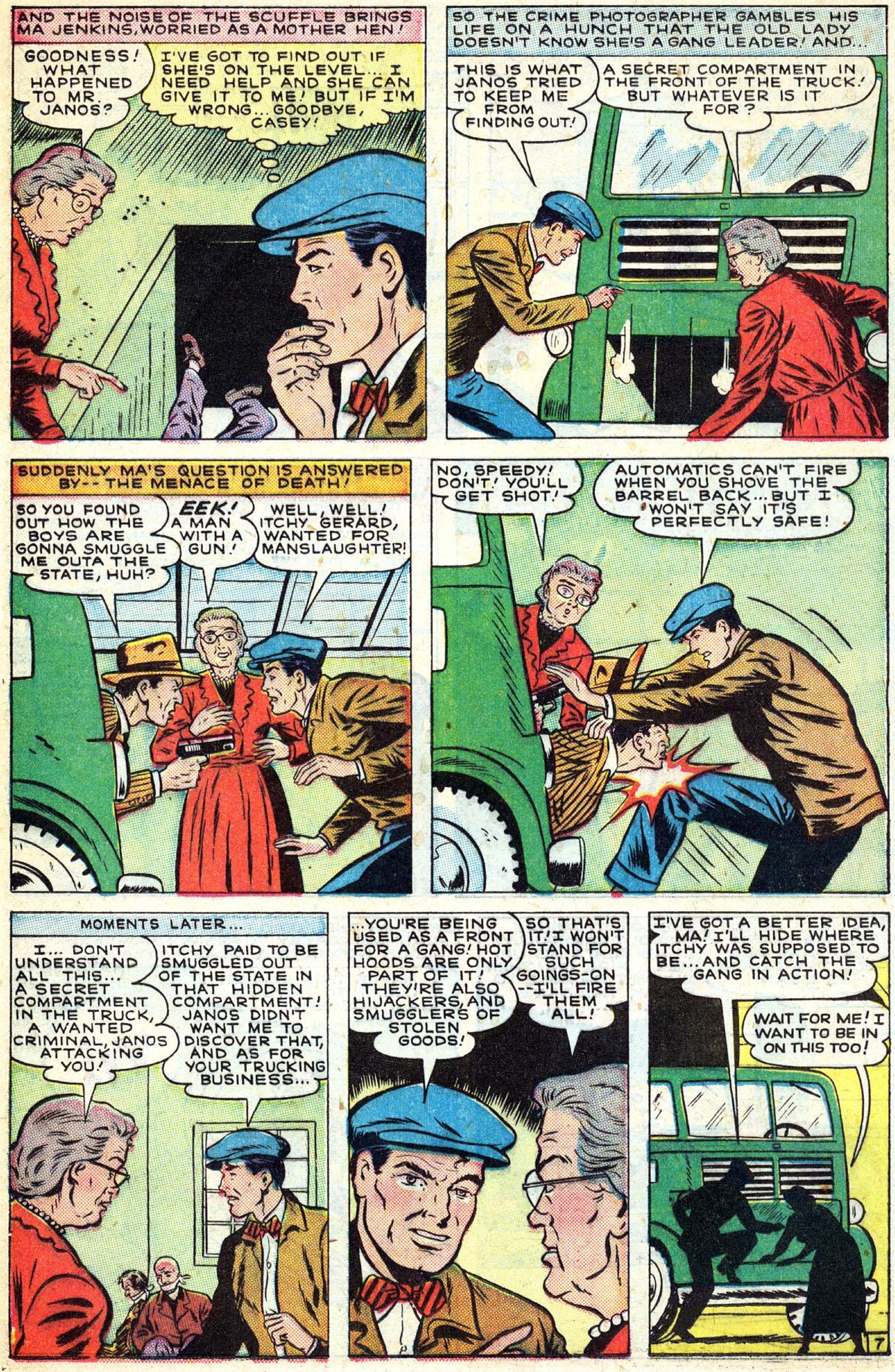

IF YOU WANT TO STAY HERE, YOU'RE A JANITOR-- WE'VE GOT ALL THE DRIVERS WE NEED!... AND STAY AWAY FROM OUR TRUCKS!
OKAY, OKAY!


UNLESS THAT CLUNK I ALMOST SLUGGED WAS GOING TO A *MASQUERADE*... THIS IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HIJACKING GANG! AND I'LL STAY HERE TILL I CAN MOP UP THE FLOOR WITH THEM!... HMMM... STAY AWAY FROM THE TRUCKS, HEY?


KNOWING THAT OPEN DISOBEDIENCE MIGHT MEAN A BULLET IN THE BACK, THE ACE CAMERAMAN SHREWDLY INVESTIGATES UNDER COVER...
HEY! I TOLD YOU TO GET AWAY FROM THE TRUCKS!
ME? YOU MEAN SOMETHING MIGHT BLOW UP IF I ACCIDENTALLY TOUCH THEM WITH A MOP HANDLE?
RAP! RAP!


DON'T GET SMART WITH ME! WHEN I SAY STAY AWAY FROM THE TRUCKS --I MEAN IT!
I'VE GOT TO FIGURE THIS OUT CAREFULLY! IF HE BEATS ME UP, HE'LL FIRE ME! THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THE GANG, SO...


SWIFT AS THE POP OF HIS NAMESAKE, FLASHGUN CASEY TURNS A HARMLESS FLOOR MOP INTO A DEADLY WEAPON!
MAYBE THIS MONKEY OUGHT TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT!
YI!


AND THE NOISE OF THE SCUFFLE BRINGS MA JENKINS, WORRIED AS A MOTHER HEN!
GOODNESS! WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. JANOS?
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT IF SHE'S ON THE LEVEL... I NEED HELP AND SHE CAN GIVE IT TO ME! BUT IF I'M WRONG... GOODBYE, CASEY!
SO THE CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER GAMBLES HIS LIFE ON A HUNCH THAT THE OLD LADY DOESN'T KNOW SHE'S A GANG LEADER! AND...
THIS IS WHAT JANOS TRIED TO KEEP ME FROM FINDING OUT!
A SECRET COMPARTMENT IN THE FRONT OF THE TRUCK! BUT WHATEVER IS IT FOR?
SUDDENLY MA'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED BY-- THE MENACE OF DEATH!
SO YOU FOUND OUT HOW THE BOYS ARE GONNA SMUGGLE ME OUTA THE STATE, HUH?
EEK! A MAN WITH A GUN!
WELL, WELL! ITCHY GERARD, WANTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER!
NO, SPEEDY! DON'T! YOU'LL GET SHOT!
AUTOMATICS CAN'T FIRE WHEN YOU SHOVE THE BARREL BACK... BUT I WON'T SAY IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE!
MOMENTS LATER...
I... DON'T UNDERSTAND ALL THIS... A SECRET COMPARTMENT IN THE TRUCK, A WANTED CRIMINAL, JANOS ATTACKING YOU!
ITCHY PAID TO BE SMUGGLED OUT OF THE STATE IN THAT HIDDEN COMPARTMENT! JANOS DIDN'T WANT ME TO DISCOVER THAT, AND AS FOR YOUR TRUCKING BUSINESS...
...YOU'RE BEING USED AS A FRONT FOR A GANG! HOT HOODS ARE ONLY PART OF IT! THEY'RE ALSO HIJACKERS, AND SMUGGLERS OF STOLEN GOODS!
SO THAT'S IT! I WON'T STAND FOR SUCH GOINGS-ON --I'LL FIRE THEM ALL!
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA, MA! I'LL HIDE WHERE ITCHY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE... AND CATCH THE GANG IN ACTION!
WAIT FOR ME! I WANT TO BE IN ON THIS TOO!
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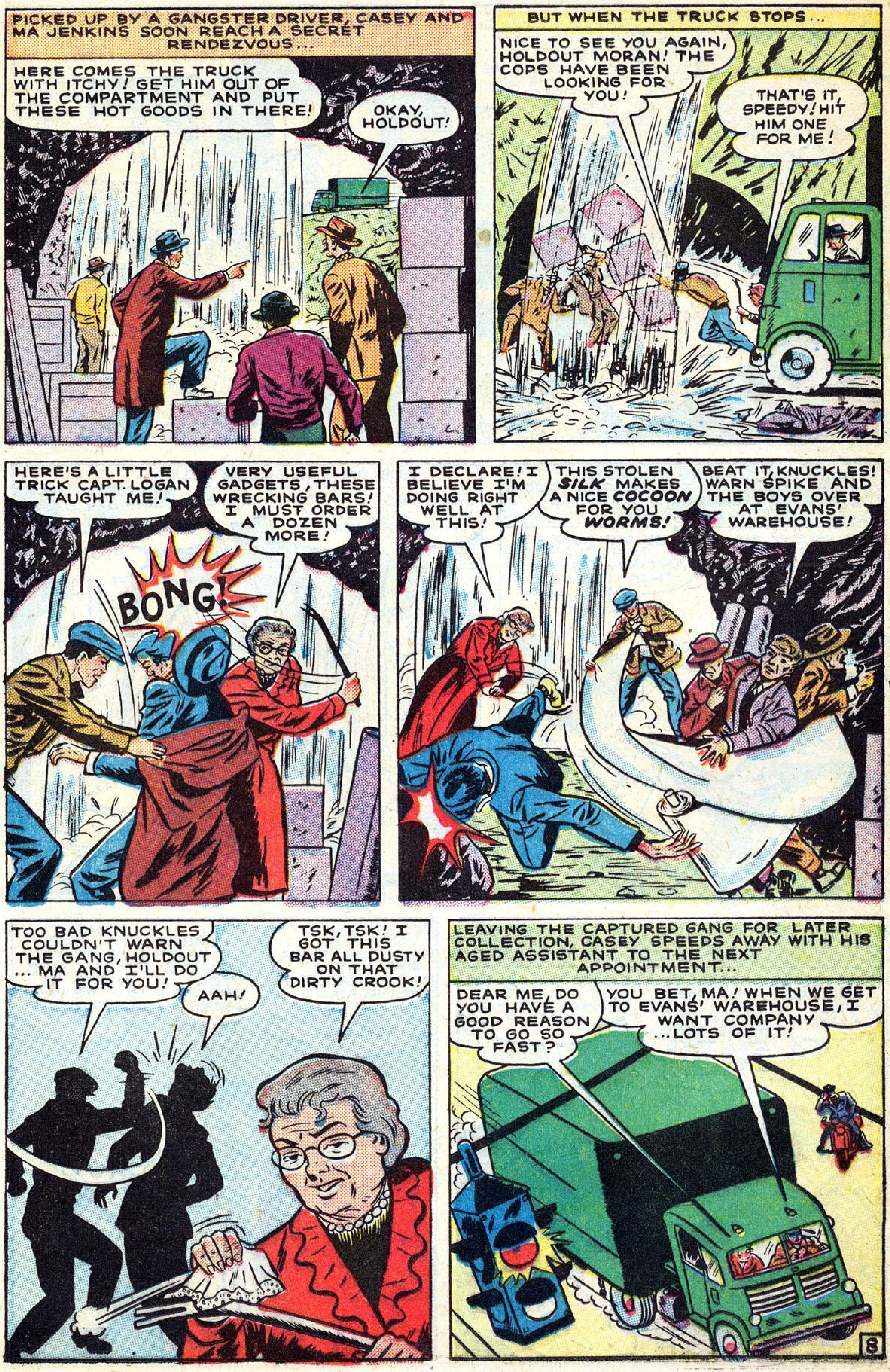
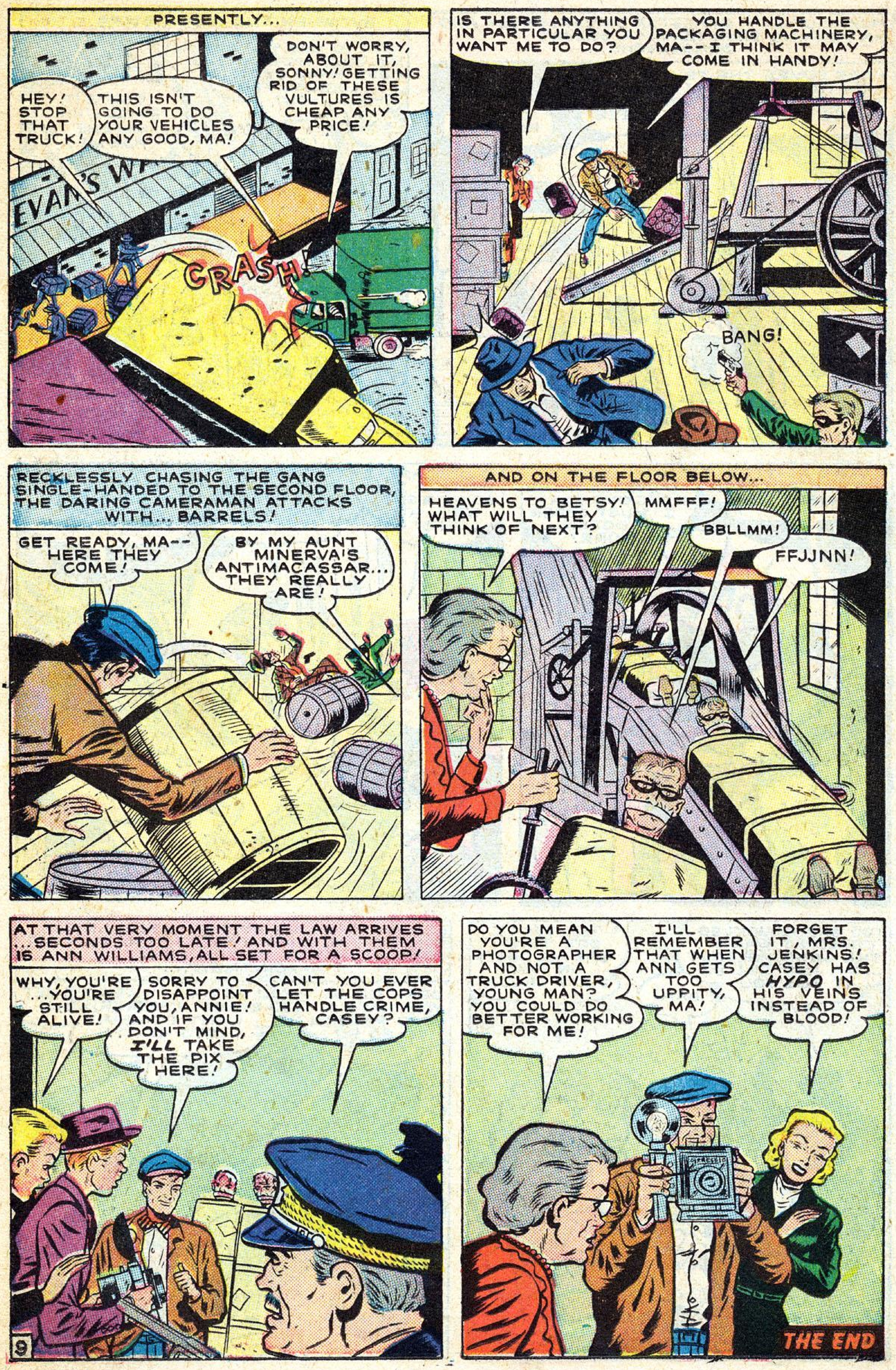

PICKED UP BY A GANGSTER DRIVER, CASEY AND MA JENKINS SOON REACH A SECRET RENDEZVOUS...
HERE COMES THE TRUCK WITH ITCHY! GET HIM OUT OF THE COMPARTMENT AND PUT THESE HOT GOODS IN THERE!
OKAY, HOLDOUT!
BUT WHEN THE TRUCK STOPS...
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, HOLDOUT MORAN! THE COPS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU!
THAT'S IT, SPEEDY! HIT HIM ONE FOR ME!
HERE'S A LITTLE TRICK CAPT. LOGAN TAUGHT ME!
VERY USEFUL GADGETS, THESE WRECKING BARS! I MUST ORDER A DOZEN MORE!
BONG!
I DECLARE! I BELIEVE I'M DOING RIGHT WELL AT THIS!
THIS STOLEN SILK MAKES A NICE COCOON FOR YOU WORMS!
BEAT IT, KNUCKLES! WARN SPIKE AND THE BOYS OVER AT EVANS' WAREHOUSE!
TOO BAD KNUCKLES COULDN'T WARN THE GANG, HOLDOUT ... MA AND I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
AAH!
TSK, TSK! I GOT THIS BAR ALL DUSTY ON THAT DIRTY CROOK!
LEAVING THE CAPTURED GANG FOR LATER COLLECTION, CASEY SPEEDS AWAY WITH HIS AGED ASSISTANT TO THE NEXT APPOINTMENT...
DEAR ME, DO YOU HAVE A GOOD REASON TO GO SO FAST?
YOU BET, MA! WHEN WE GET TO EVANS' WAREHOUSE, I WANT COMPANY ...LOTS OF IT!


PRESENTLY...
HEY! STOP THAT TRUCK!
THIS ISN'T GOING TO DO YOUR VEHICLES ANY GOOD, MA!
DON'T WORRY, ABOUT IT, SONNY! GETTING RID OF THESE VULTURES IS CHEAP ANY PRICE!
EVAN'S W
CRASH!
IS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT ME TO DO?
YOU HANDLE THE PACKAGING MACHINERY, MA-- I THINK IT MAY COME IN HANDY!
BANG!
RECKLESSLY CHASING THE GANG SINGLE-HANDED TO THE SECOND FLOOR, THE DARING CAMERAMAN ATTACKS WITH... BARRELS!
GET READY, MA-- HERE THEY COME!
BY MY AUNT MINERVA'S ANTIMACASSAR... THEY REALLY ARE!
AND ON THE FLOOR BELOW...
HEAVENS TO BETSY! WHAT WILL THEY THINK OF NEXT?
MMFFF!
BBLLMM!
FFJJNN!
AT THAT VERY MOMENT THE LAW ARRIVES ...SECONDS TOO LATE! AND WITH THEM IS ANN WILLIAMS, ALL SET FOR A SCOOP!
WHY, YOU'RE ...YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, ANNIE! AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, *I'LL* TAKE THE PIX HERE!
CAN'T YOU EVER LET THE COPS HANDLE CRIME, CASEY?
DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE A PHOTOGRAPHER AND NOT A TRUCK DRIVER, YOUNG MAN? YOU COULD DO BETTER WORKING FOR ME!
I'LL REMEMBER THAT WHEN ANN GETS TOO UPPITY, MA!
FORGET IT, MRS. JENKINS! CASEY HAS *HYPO* IN HIS VEINS INSTEAD OF BLOOD!
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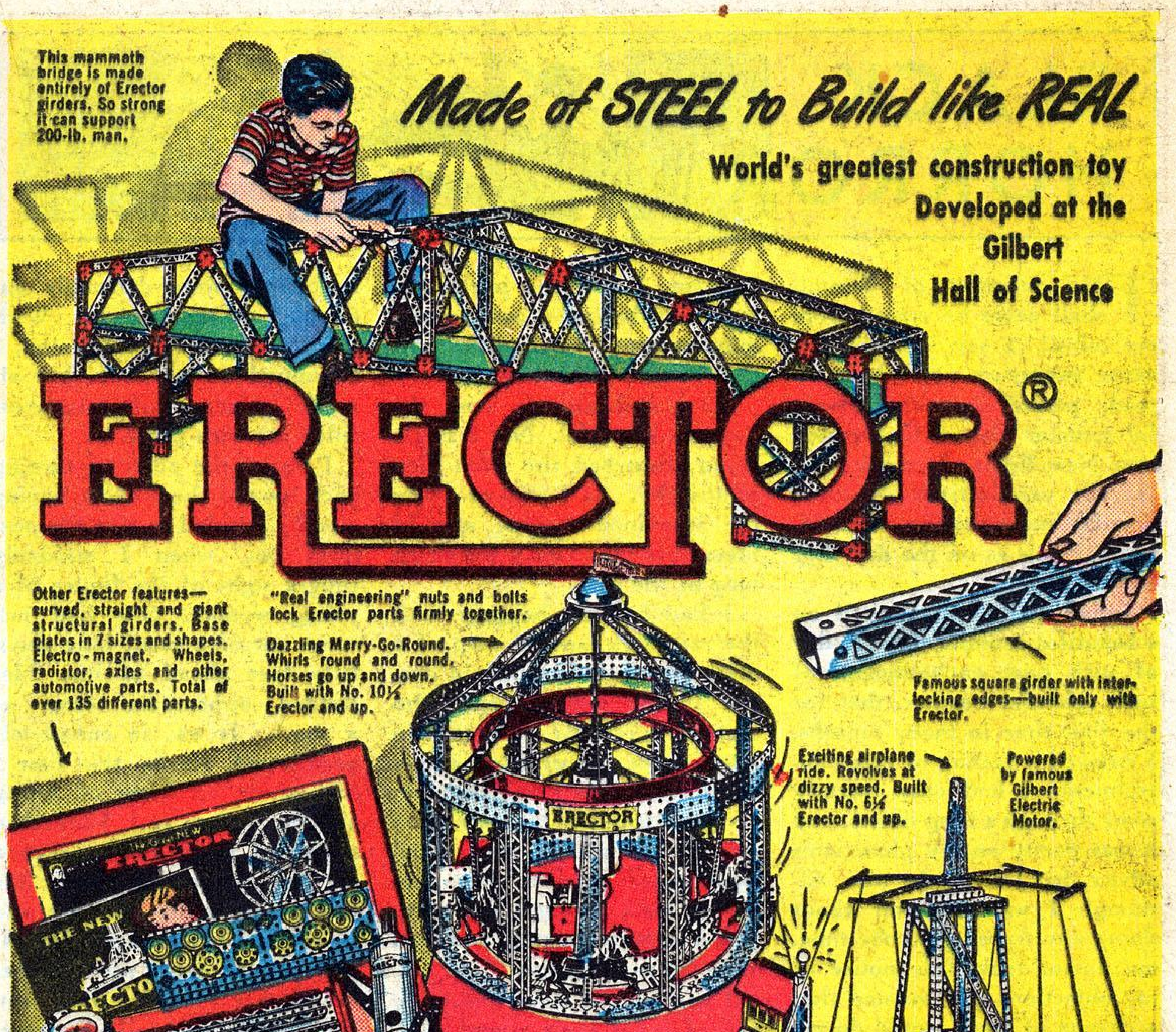

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I had arrived in Westall on a beautiful summer day. A day of such pure enchantment, of such splendid weather, that for the first time in many months, I enjoyed a feeling of rare contentment. I had only recently come through a long illness, and it was partly on my physician's advice that I made the trip. Although I was reluctant about doing any traveling at the time, my doctor took little notice of my objections and insisted that a change of scene would do me more good than all the medicines he could prescribe. I was bundled up, my bags packed, and in no time at all, I was aboard the train.

I was travelling alone—another regulation which was insisted upon. My illness had been of a nervous origin, and it was my physician's notion that if the trip were to do me any good, it could only be achieved by a change in companionship as well as in scenery.

Let me say, at this point, that the township of Westall was not my destination. It was planned that I go on to Abbington, but when my train changed engines at the Westall depot, I was so completely captured by the quiet charm of the little community, that I decided to stay on. Without wasting a moment, I had the porter remove my baggage, and several minutes later I watched the train pull out of the station.

As I had already said, the day was beautiful. Not a single cloud disturbed the even blue of the sky. As I walked along the tree-lined streets, a mild breeze brought with it the sharp tang of the sea.

I had left my baggage with the rail clerk, an old wisp of a man, who only nodded in answer to my remarks and who seemed perfectly content in keeping the conversation a one-sided affair. As I walked away, I was conscious of his stare upon me, but I placed no special significance upon it. My plan was to walk through the town, find a suitable lodging, and then send for my luggage.

I had walked about following this plan for some twenty minutes, when the thought suddenly occurred to me that I had not yet seen any of the townspeople. The strangeness of it all became more apparent when another twenty minutes failed to reveal a single human being. It was then that I began to take notice of the houses. They were neither few nor numerous in number, but one factor in common with all of them was the shutters. All were closely drawn.

I couldn't help wondering about this. Why, on such a beautiful day as this, should the inhabitants choose to keep out all light? I searched for an answer.

It was then I noticed something else. The design of the houses seemed extremely outmoded. Although scrupulously clean and with a well-tended look, they were definitely antiquated in appearance. With this new disturbance in mind, I continued on my way, but already a sense of uneasiness filled me with panic.

I was at the point of turning back toward the station, having already decided to take the next train out, when I suddenly caught sight of the figure of a young woman. She had just come out of a small lane about fifty feet ahead of me. Her sudden appearance came as a shock. It was so completely unexpected, for by this time I had given up hope of seeing anyone. At any rate, I breathed a sigh of relief and quickened my step in her direction. She was walking away from me, and since the corner wasn't far off I hoped to catch up with her before her reaching it. I hurried along now all the more quickly, but it seemed as if she had heard my approaching footsteps and either through fear or an unwillingness to wait for me, she quickened her step, too. As she reached the corner I called out, but not heeding my call, she rounded the bend and was gone from view.

It was only a matter of seconds before I reached the corner. But here I was in for another shock—she was nowhere in SIGHT!

What made it all the more alarming was that there was no possible place for her to have disappeared. The street was entirely void of buildings, except for one wooden structure which stood at the far end of the avenue. It was impossible for her to have reached it in the few seconds it took me to reach the

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I seemed to be transfixed by the ugly fascination of the creature's eyes, when suddenly it took off. With a wheeling motion, it headed directly for the solitary building at the end of the street. In a few moments it had settled upon the roof, and after strutting about for several seconds, took to flight again and disappeared behind a cluster of trees.

Whatever made me walk in the direction of that building is something I shall never know. Yet at the time, I felt compelled to do so. It was an irrestible impulse, an impelling command which destroyed all my will to resist, and slowly I felt myself drawn toward it.

When I approached the building I noticed an overhead sign which read RAVEN INN. Slowly, I opened the door and entered.

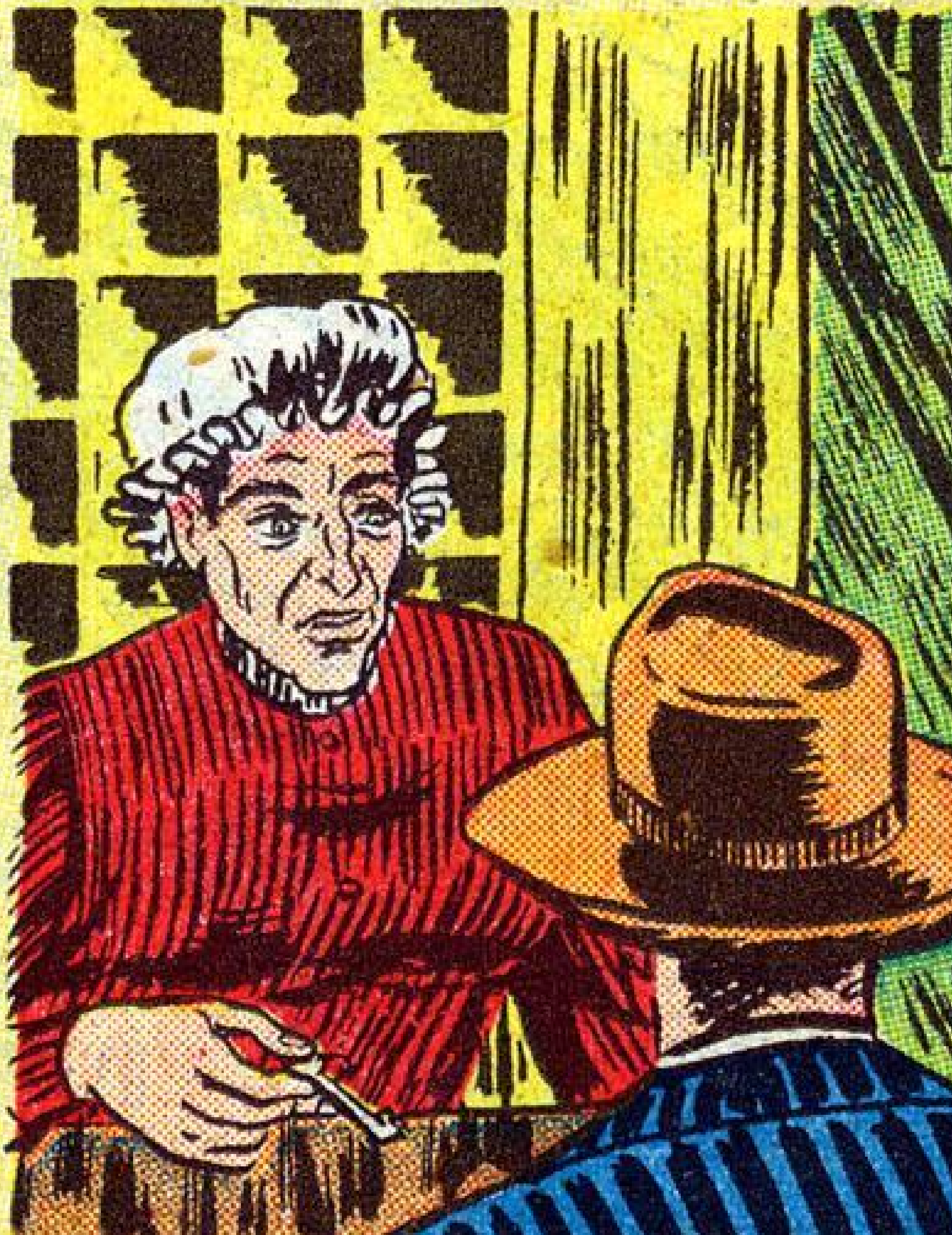
It was dark inside, and it took a little while for my eyes to become accustomed to the dim light. Then, slowly I made out a desk, behind which was an old woman.

"A room?" she asked, and I was strongly aware of the harsh rasp to her voice.

I nodded dumbly in agreement and reached out for the key she held toward me.

"Perhaps you would care for some food?" she went on. "Travel always makes one hungry, doesn't it?"

Without waiting for my reply she came out from behind the desk and led the way into an adjoining room. I followed her as one in a trance, and sat down at a small table. Several minutes later, a younger woman entered, carrying a tray. As she set it down before me, I had a sudden recollection. Unmistakably, I knew it to be the woman I had seen on the street. As I glanced into her face, a cold shudder passed over me. Her eyes were the color of rubies and they were filled with a loathing hatred. Again I was seized by what seemed to be a force outside of me, and picking up the glass of wine from the tray I drank deep and long.



I was awakened by a light, fluttering sound. As I stared about I found myself in a strange room. My head pounded and as I brushed my tongue across my lips, they tasted of the wine. In a flash I knew I had been drugged. Then I heard the fluttering sound again. It came from the window. I staggered across the room and what I saw outside seemed to turn the blood in my veins to ice. There was a huge raven with blood-red eyes, hovering beyond the pane. Then I saw something else—and terror struck again. The air was fast becoming thick with these creatures. From beyond the cluster of trees they rushed forward. Others were rising from the chimneys of distant houses. I dared not think—but were these the inhabitants of Westall?

Blindly, I rushed from the room and down the stairs. Outside the mad group whirled above me. Frenzy and panic gave me strength, and in the gathering dusk I rushed toward the station. As I approached the small depot I heard the whistle of an approaching train. As though it were a signal, the screaming birds wheeled in flight.

Several minutes later I was standing beside my baggage and in another moment the train had pulled in. I remember my shouting at the old railway clerk, demanding an explanation, and then as he pointed to his ears, I realized the futility of it all. He was stone deaf.

As though I were in a dream, I stumbled aboard the train and fell heavily into a seat. The next thing I remembered was the conductor asking for my ticket.

"Are we much beyond Westall?" I managed to ask.

"Westall?" he muttered. "No such town on this stop. Never heard of it."

As he walked off I felt myself doubting my sanity. Was it all an hallucination? Unknowingly my tongue slid across my lips and once again I was aware of the heavy taste of the wine.

Since then I have told my story to many people. All efforts to locate a town called Westall have been futile. My doctor, after hearing the story, put it down to the weakened state of my nerves and long illness. It is an explanation I would prefer believing—but try as I might, this I CANNOT accept!

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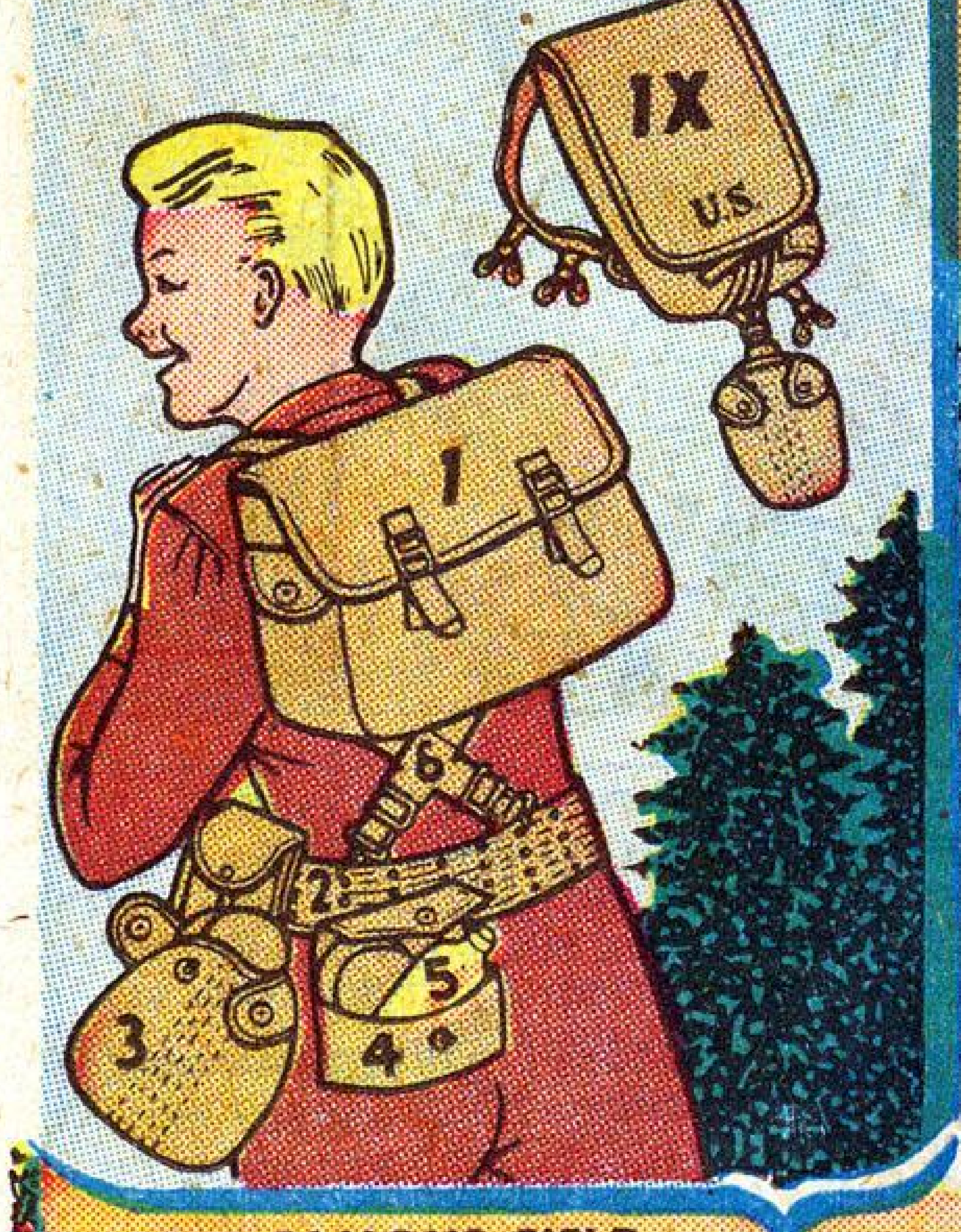

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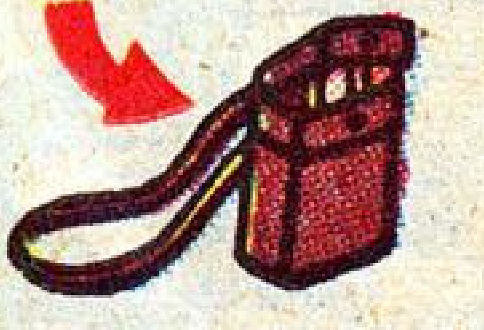

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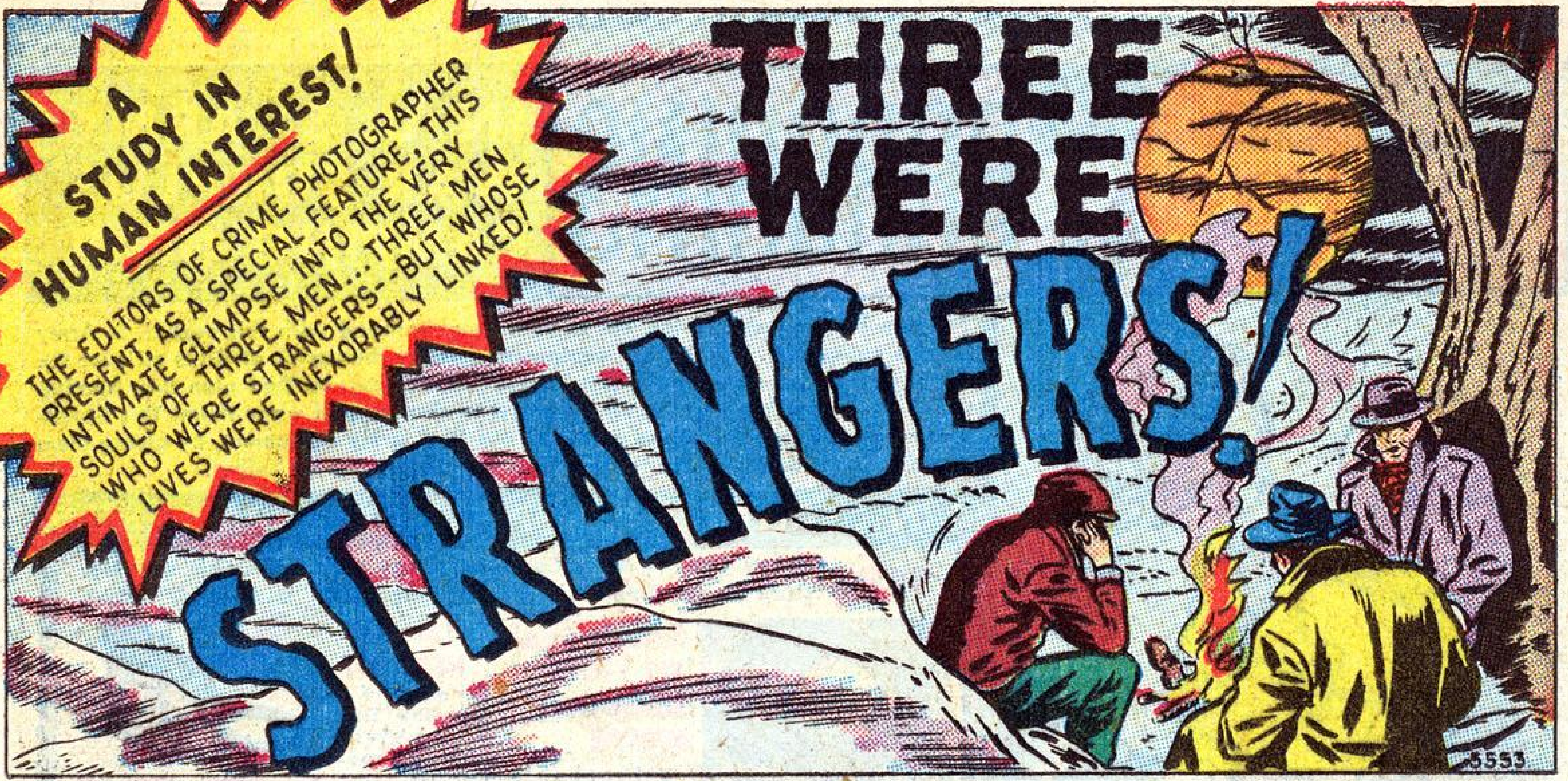
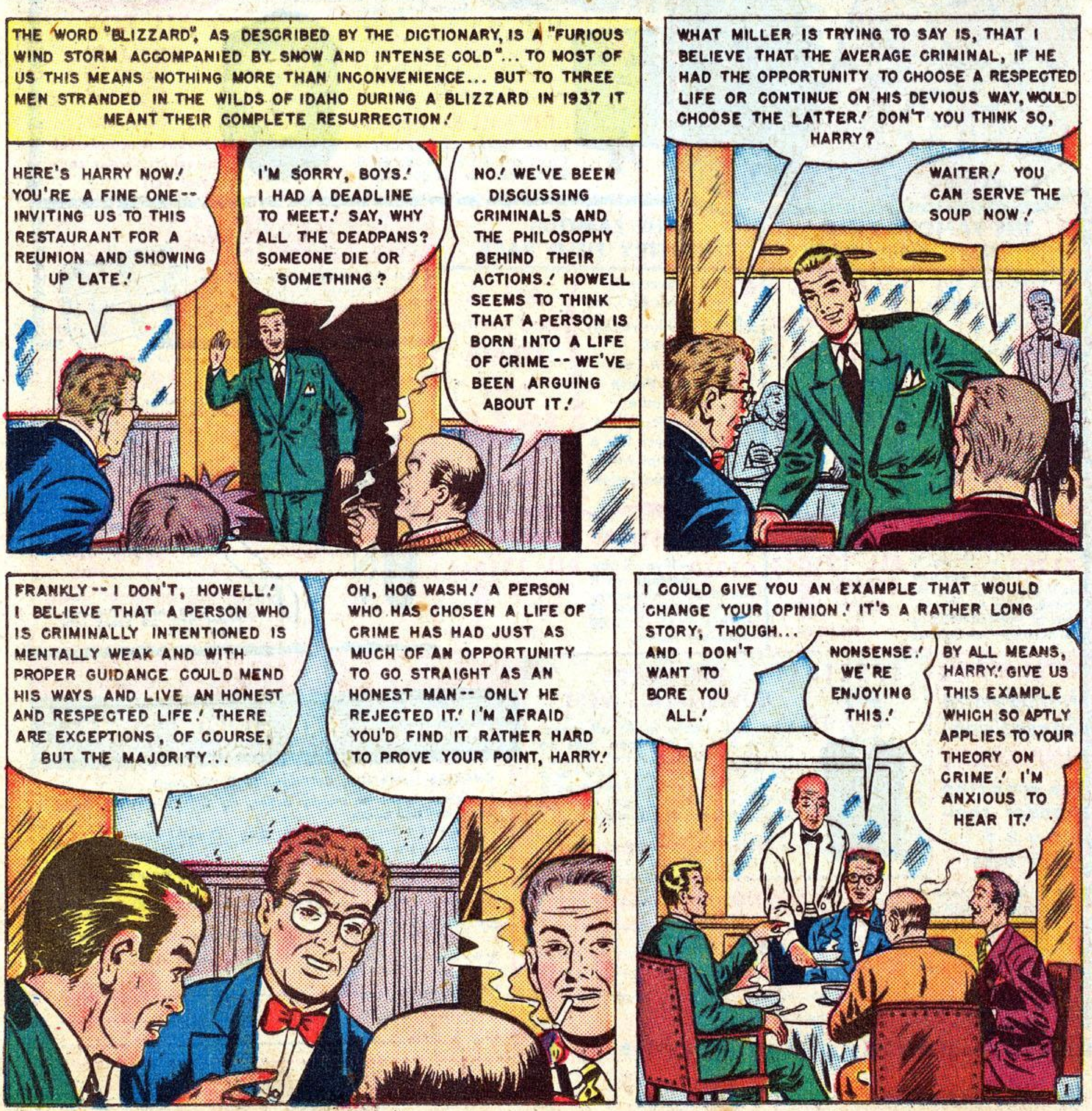
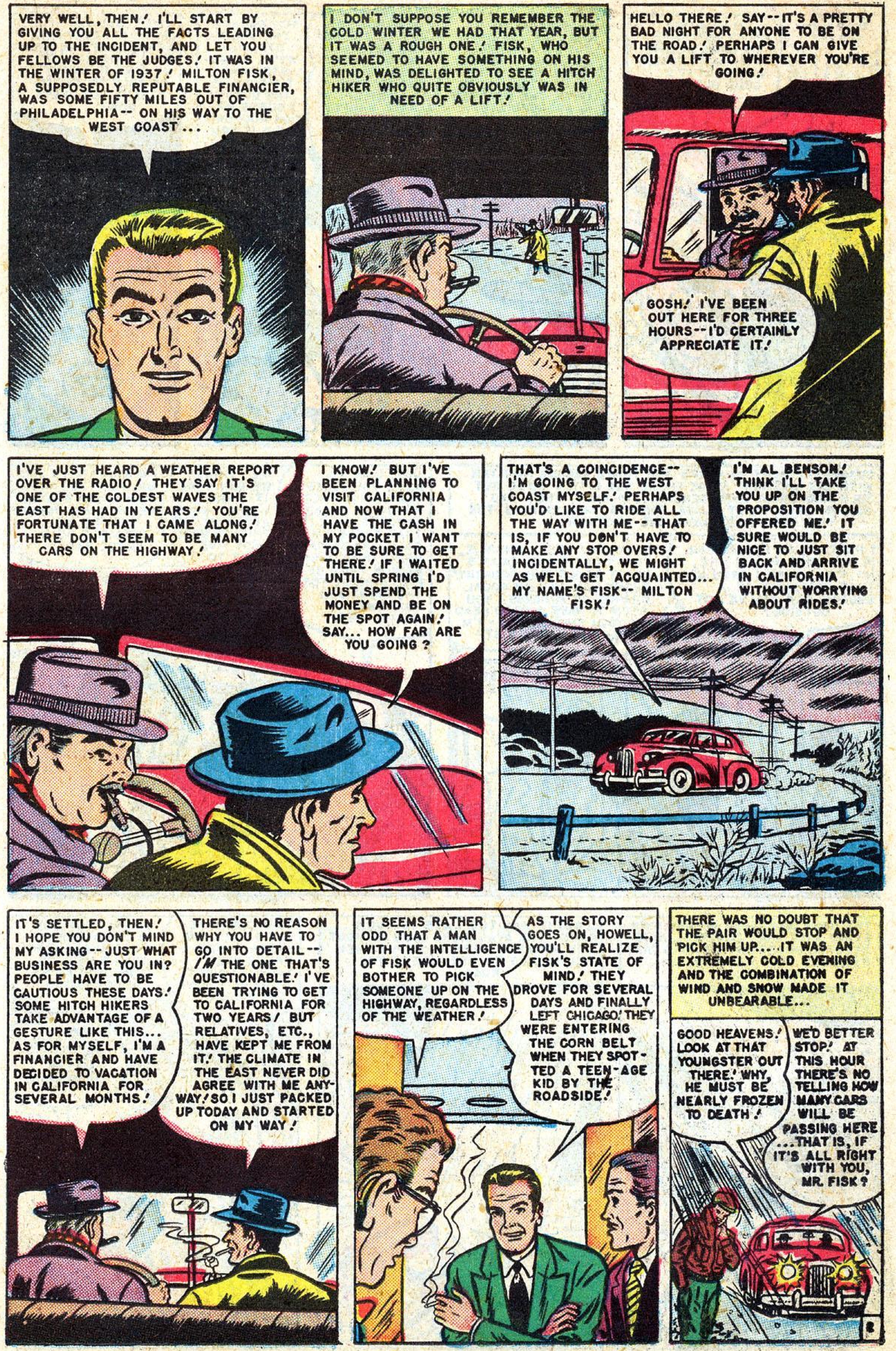
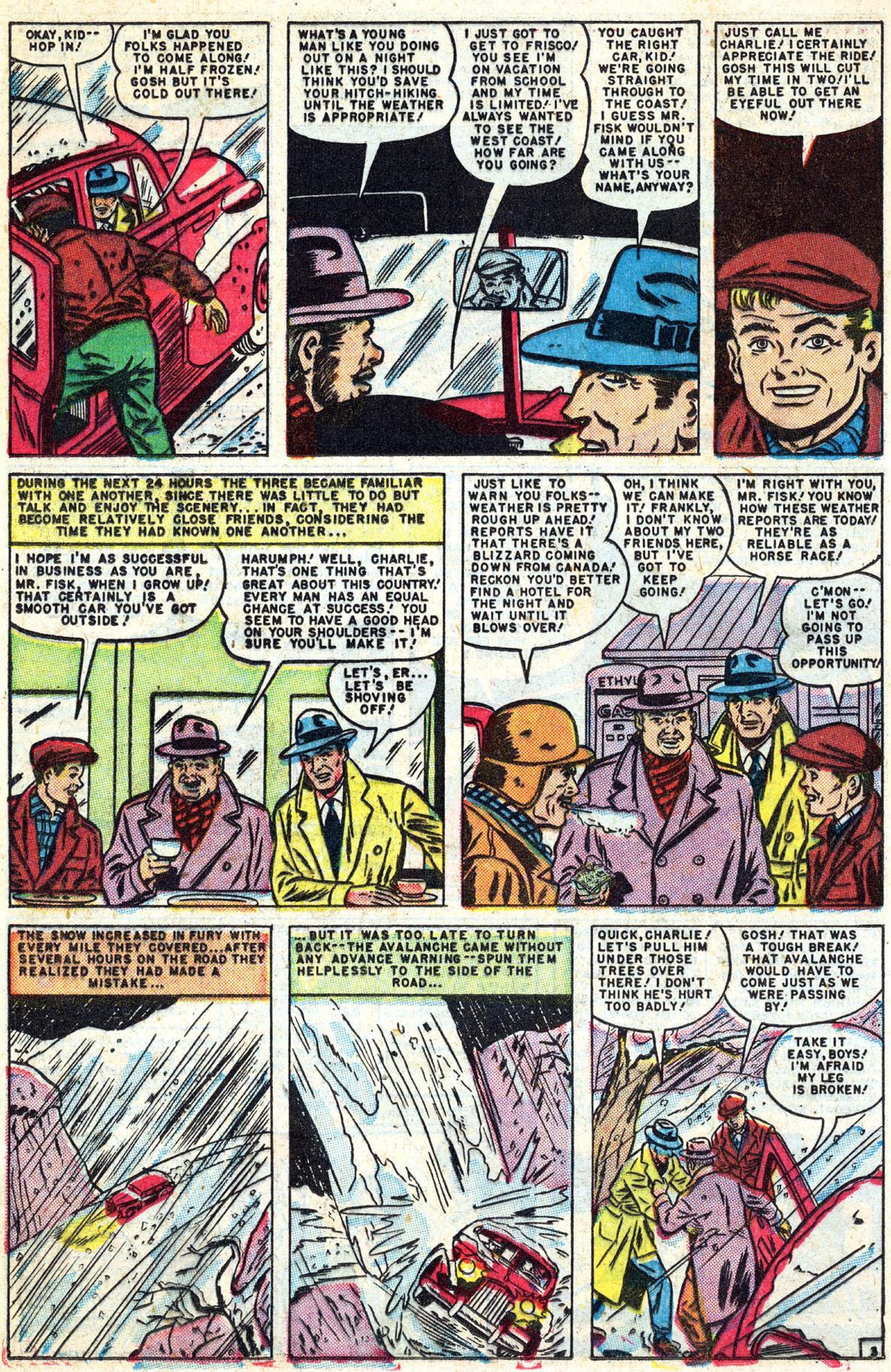

A STUDY IN HUMAN INTEREST!
THE EDITORS OF CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER PRESENT, AS A SPECIAL FEATURE, THIS INTIMATE GLIMPSE INTO THE VERY SOULS OF THREE MEN... THREE MEN WHO WERE STRANGERS--BUT WHOSE LIVES WERE INEXORABLY LINKED!


THE WORD "BLIZZARD", AS DESCRIBED BY THE DICTIONARY, IS A "FURIOUS WIND STORM ACCOMPANIED BY SNOW AND INTENSE COLD"... TO MOST OF US THIS MEANS NOTHING MORE THAN INCONVENIENCE... BUT TO THREE MEN STRANDED IN THE WILDS OF IDAHO DURING A BLIZZARD IN 1937 IT MEANT THEIR COMPLETE RESURRECTION!
HERE'S HARRY NOW! YOU'RE A FINE ONE-- INVITING US TO THIS RESTAURANT FOR A REUNION AND SHOWING UP LATE!
I'M SORRY, BOYS! I HAD A DEADLINE TO MEET! SAY, WHY ALL THE DEADPANS? SOMEONE DIE OR SOMETHING?
NO! WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING CRIMINALS AND THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THEIR ACTIONS! HOWELL SEEMS TO THINK THAT A PERSON IS BORN INTO A LIFE OF CRIME -- WE'VE BEEN ARGUING ABOUT IT!
WHAT MILLER IS TRYING TO SAY IS, THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE AVERAGE CRIMINAL, IF HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE A RESPECTED LIFE OR CONTINUE ON HIS DEVIOUS WAY, WOULD CHOOSE THE LATTER! DON'T YOU THINK SO, HARRY?
WAITER! YOU CAN SERVE THE SOUP NOW!
FRANKLY -- I DON'T, HOWELL! I BELIEVE THAT A PERSON WHO IS CRIMINALLY INTENTIONED IS MENTALLY WEAK AND WITH PROPER GUIDANCE COULD MEND HIS WAYS AND LIVE AN HONEST AND RESPECTED LIFE! THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS, OF COURSE, BUT THE MAJORITY...
OH, HOG WASH! A PERSON WHO HAS CHOSEN A LIFE OF CRIME HAS HAD JUST AS MUCH OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO STRAIGHT AS AN HONEST MAN-- ONLY HE REJECTED IT! I'M AFRAID YOU'D FIND IT RATHER HARD TO PROVE YOUR POINT, HARRY!
I COULD GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE THAT WOULD CHANGE YOUR OPINION! IT'S A RATHER LONG STORY, THOUGH... AND I DON'T WANT TO BORE YOU ALL!
NONSENSE! WE'RE ENJOYING THIS!
BY ALL MEANS, HARRY! GIVE US THIS EXAMPLE WHICH SO APTLY APPLIES TO YOUR THEORY ON CRIME! I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR IT!


VERY WELL, THEN! I'LL START BY GIVING YOU ALL THE FACTS LEADING UP TO THE INCIDENT, AND LET YOU FELLOWS BE THE JUDGES! IT WAS IN THE WINTER OF 1937! MILTON FISK, A SUPPOSEDLY REPUTABLE FINANCIER, WAS SOME FIFTY MILES OUT OF PHILADELPHIA-- ON HIS WAY TO THE WEST COAST ...
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU REMEMBER THE COLD WINTER WE HAD THAT YEAR, BUT IT WAS A ROUGH ONE! FISK, WHO SEEMED TO HAVE SOMETHING ON HIS MIND, WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE A HITCH HIKER WHO QUITE OBVIOUSLY WAS IN NEED OF A LIFT!
HELLO THERE! SAY--IT'S A PRETTY BAD NIGHT FOR ANYONE TO BE ON THE ROAD! PERHAPS I CAN GIVE YOU A LIFT TO WHEREVER YOU'RE GOING!
GOSH! I'VE BEEN OUT HERE FOR THREE HOURS--I'D CERTAINLY APPRECIATE IT!
I'VE JUST HEARD A WEATHER REPORT OVER THE RADIO! THEY SAY IT'S ONE OF THE COLDEST WAVES THE EAST HAS HAD IN YEARS! YOU'RE FORTUNATE THAT I CAME ALONG! THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE MANY CARS ON THE HIGHWAY!
I KNOW! BUT I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO VISIT CALIFORNIA AND NOW THAT I HAVE THE CASH IN MY POCKET I WANT TO BE SURE TO GET THERE! IF I WAITED UNTIL SPRING I'D JUST SPEND THE MONEY AND BE ON THE SPOT AGAIN! SAY... HOW FAR ARE YOU GOING?
THAT'S A COINCIDENCE-- I'M GOING TO THE WEST COAST MYSELF! PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO RIDE ALL THE WAY WITH ME-- THAT IS, IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANY STOP OVERS! INCIDENTALLY, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET ACQUAINTED... MY NAME'S FISK-- MILTON FISK!
I'M AL BENSON! THINK I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THE PROPOSITION YOU OFFERED ME! IT SURE WOULD BE NICE TO JUST SIT BACK AND ARRIVE IN CALIFORNIA WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT RIDES!
IT'S SETTLED, THEN! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY ASKING--JUST WHAT BUSINESS ARE YOU IN? PEOPLE HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS THESE DAYS! SOME HITCH HIKERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A GESTURE LIKE THIS... AS FOR MYSELF, I'M A FINANCIER AND HAVE DECIDED TO VACATION IN CALIFORNIA FOR SEVERAL MONTHS!
THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU HAVE TO GO INTO DETAIL-- *I'M* THE ONE THAT'S QUESTIONABLE! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET TO CALIFORNIA FOR TWO YEARS! BUT RELATIVES, ETC., HAVE KEPT ME FROM IT! THE CLIMATE IN THE EAST NEVER DID AGREE WITH ME ANYWAY! SO I JUST PACKED UP TODAY AND STARTED ON MY WAY!
IT SEEMS RATHER ODD THAT A MAN WITH THE INTELLIGENCE OF FISK WOULD EVEN BOTHER TO PICK SOMEONE UP ON THE HIGHWAY, REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER!
AS THE STORY GOES ON, HOWELL, YOU'LL REALIZE FISK'S STATE OF MIND! THEY DROVE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND FINALLY LEFT CHICAGO! THEY WERE ENTERING THE CORN BELT WHEN THEY SPOTTED A TEEN-AGE KID BY THE ROADSIDE!
THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT THE PAIR WOULD STOP AND PICK HIM UP.... IT WAS AN EXTREMELY COLD EVENING AND THE COMBINATION OF WIND AND SNOW MADE IT UNBEARABLE...
GOOD HEAVENS! LOOK AT THAT YOUNGSTER OUT THERE! WHY, HE MUST BE NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH!
WE'D BETTER STOP! AT THIS HOUR THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY CARS WILL BE PASSING HERE ... THAT IS, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, MR. FISK?


OKAY, KID-- HOP IN!
I'M GLAD YOU FOLKS HAPPENED TO COME ALONG! I'M HALF FROZEN! GOSH BUT IT'S COLD OUT THERE!
WHAT'S A YOUNG MAN LIKE YOU DOING OUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS? I SHOULD THINK YOU'D SAVE YOUR HITCH-HIKING UNTIL THE WEATHER IS APPROPRIATE!
I JUST GOT TO GET TO FRISCO! YOU SEE I'M ON VACATION FROM SCHOOL AND MY TIME IS LIMITED! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THE WEST COAST! HOW FAR ARE YOU GOING?
YOU CAUGHT THE RIGHT CAR, KID! WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH TO THE COAST! I GUESS MR. FISK WOULDN'T MIND IF YOU CAME ALONG WITH US-- WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY?
JUST CALL ME CHARLIE! I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE RIDE! GOSH THIS WILL CUT MY TIME IN TWO! I'LL BE ABLE TO GET AN EYEFUL OUT THERE NOW!
DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS THE THREE BECAME FAMILIAR WITH ONE ANOTHER, SINCE THERE WAS LITTLE TO DO BUT TALK AND ENJOY THE SCENERY... IN FACT, THEY HAD BECOME RELATIVELY CLOSE FRIENDS, CONSIDERING THE TIME THEY HAD KNOWN ONE ANOTHER...
I HOPE I'M AS SUCCESSFUL IN BUSINESS AS YOU ARE, MR. FISK, WHEN I GROW UP! THAT CERTAINLY IS A SMOOTH CAR YOU'VE GOT OUTSIDE!
HARUMPH! WELL, CHARLIE, THAT'S ONE THING THAT'S GREAT ABOUT THIS COUNTRY! EVERY MAN HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE AT SUCCESS! YOU SEEM TO HAVE A GOOD HEAD ON YOUR SHOULDERS-- I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE IT!
LET'S, ER... LET'S BE SHOVING OFF!
JUST LIKE TO WARN YOU FOLKS-- WEATHER IS PRETTY ROUGH UP AHEAD! REPORTS HAVE IT THAT THERE'S A BLIZZARD COMING DOWN FROM CANADA! RECKON YOU'D BETTER FIND A HOTEL FOR THE NIGHT AND WAIT UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER!
OH, I THINK WE CAN MAKE IT! FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MY TWO FRIENDS HERE, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP GOING!
I'M RIGHT WITH YOU, MR. FISK! YOU KNOW HOW THESE WEATHER REPORTS ARE TODAY! THEY'RE AS RELIABLE AS A HORSE RACE!
C'MON-- LET'S GO! I'M NOT GOING TO PASS UP THIS OPPORTUNITY!
ETHYL
GAS
THE SNOW INCREASED IN FURY WITH EVERY MILE THEY COVERED... AFTER SEVERAL HOURS ON THE ROAD THEY REALIZED THEY HAD MADE A MISTAKE...
...BUT IT WAS TOO LATE TO TURN BACK--THE AVALANCHE CAME WITHOUT ANY ADVANCE WARNING--SPUN THEM HELPLESSLY TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD...
QUICK, CHARLIE! LET'S PULL HIM UNDER THOSE TREES OVER THERE! I DON'T THINK HE'S HURT TOO BADLY!
GOSH! THAT WAS A TOUGH BREAK! THAT AVALANCHE WOULD HAVE TO COME JUST AS WE WERE PASSING BY!
TAKE IT EASY, BOYS! I'M AFRAID MY LEG IS BROKEN!
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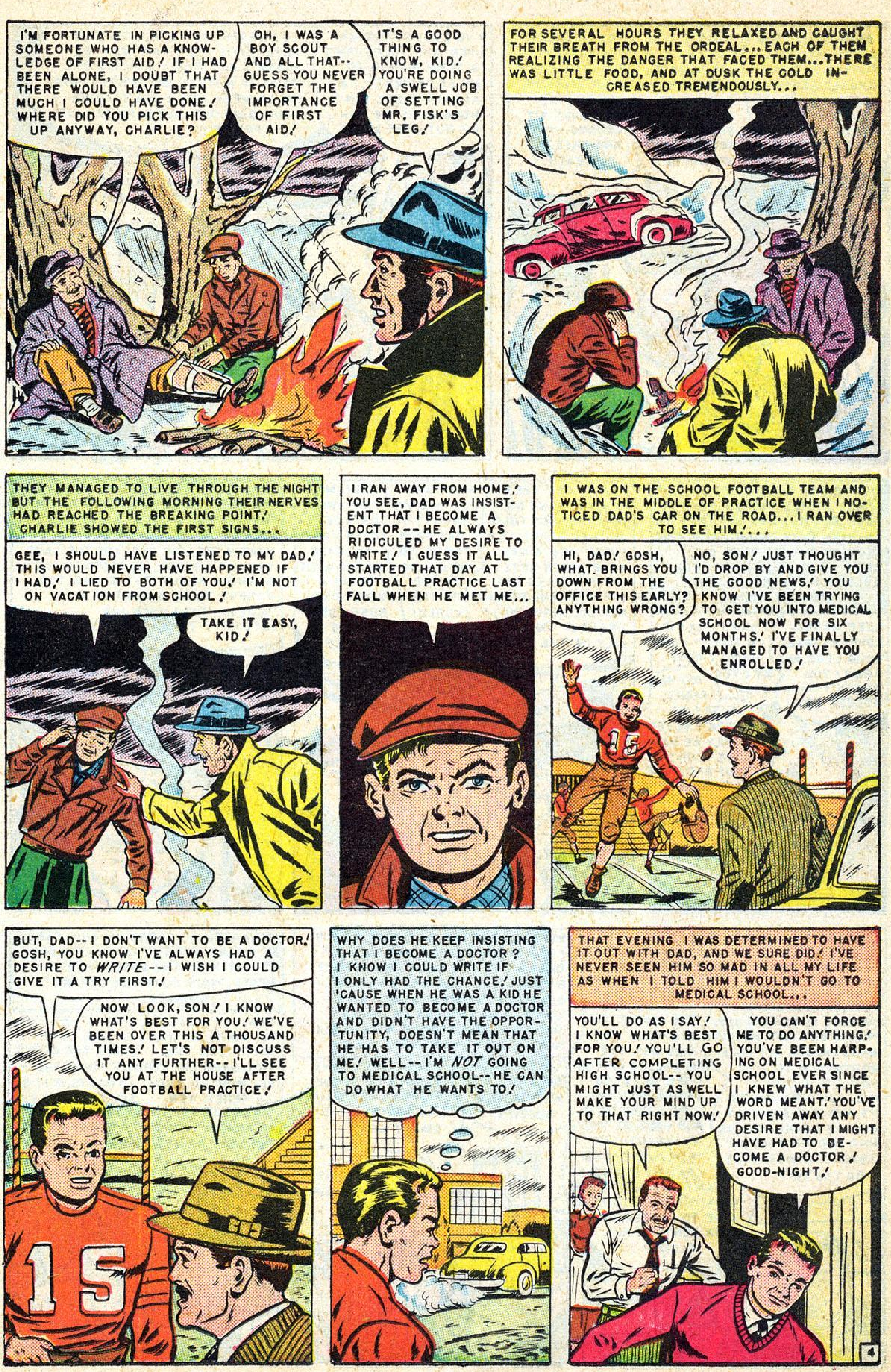
I'M FORTUNATE IN PICKING UP SOMEONE WHO HAS A KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID! IF I HAD BEEN ALONE, I DOUBT THAT THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH I COULD HAVE DONE! WHERE DID YOU PICK THIS UP ANYWAY, CHARLIE?
OH, I WAS A BOY SCOUT AND ALL THAT-- GUESS YOU NEVER FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST AID!
IT'S A GOOD THING TO KNOW, KID! YOU'RE DOING A SWELL JOB OF SETTING MR. FISK'S LEG!
FOR SEVERAL HOURS THEY RELAXED AND CAUGHT THEIR BREATH FROM THE ORDEAL... EACH OF THEM REALIZING THE DANGER THAT FACED THEM...THERE WAS LITTLE FOOD, AND AT DUSK THE COLD INCREASED TREMENDOUSLY...
THEY MANAGED TO LIVE THROUGH THE NIGHT BUT THE FOLLOWING MORNING THEIR NERVES HAD REACHED THE BREAKING POINT! CHARLIE SHOWED THE FIRST SIGNS...
GEE, I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO MY DAD! THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED IF I HAD! I LIED TO BOTH OF YOU! I'M NOT ON VACATION FROM SCHOOL!
TAKE IT EASY, KID!
I RAN AWAY FROM HOME! YOU SEE, DAD WAS INSISTENT THAT I BECOME A DOCTOR -- HE ALWAYS RIDICULED MY DESIRE TO WRITE! I GUESS IT ALL STARTED THAT DAY AT FOOTBALL PRACTICE LAST FALL WHEN HE MET ME...
I WAS ON THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF PRACTICE WHEN I NOTICED DAD'S CAR ON THE ROAD... I RAN OVER TO SEE HIM!...
HI, DAD! GOSH, WHAT BRINGS YOU DOWN FROM THE OFFICE THIS EARLY? ANYTHING WRONG?
NO, SON! JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP BY AND GIVE YOU THE GOOD NEWS! YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET YOU INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL NOW FOR SIX MONTHS! I'VE FINALLY MANAGED TO HAVE YOU ENROLLED!
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BUT, DAD-- I DON'T WANT TO BE A DOCTOR! GOSH, YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS HAD A DESIRE TO *WRITE* -- I WISH I COULD GIVE IT A TRY FIRST!
NOW LOOK, SON! I KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU! WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS A THOUSAND TIMES! LET'S NOT DISCUSS IT ANY FURTHER-- I'LL SEE YOU AT THE HOUSE AFTER FOOTBALL PRACTICE!
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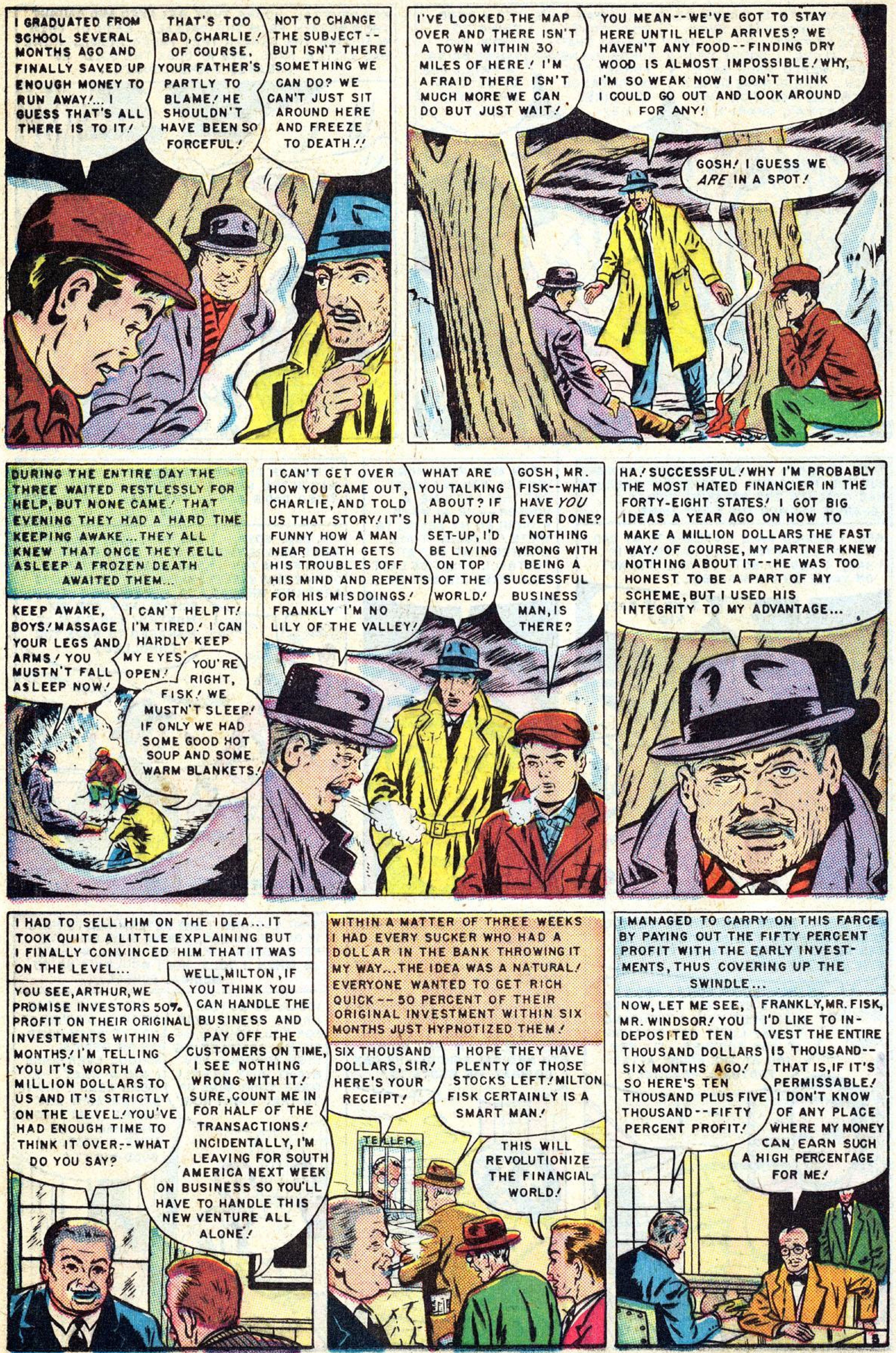
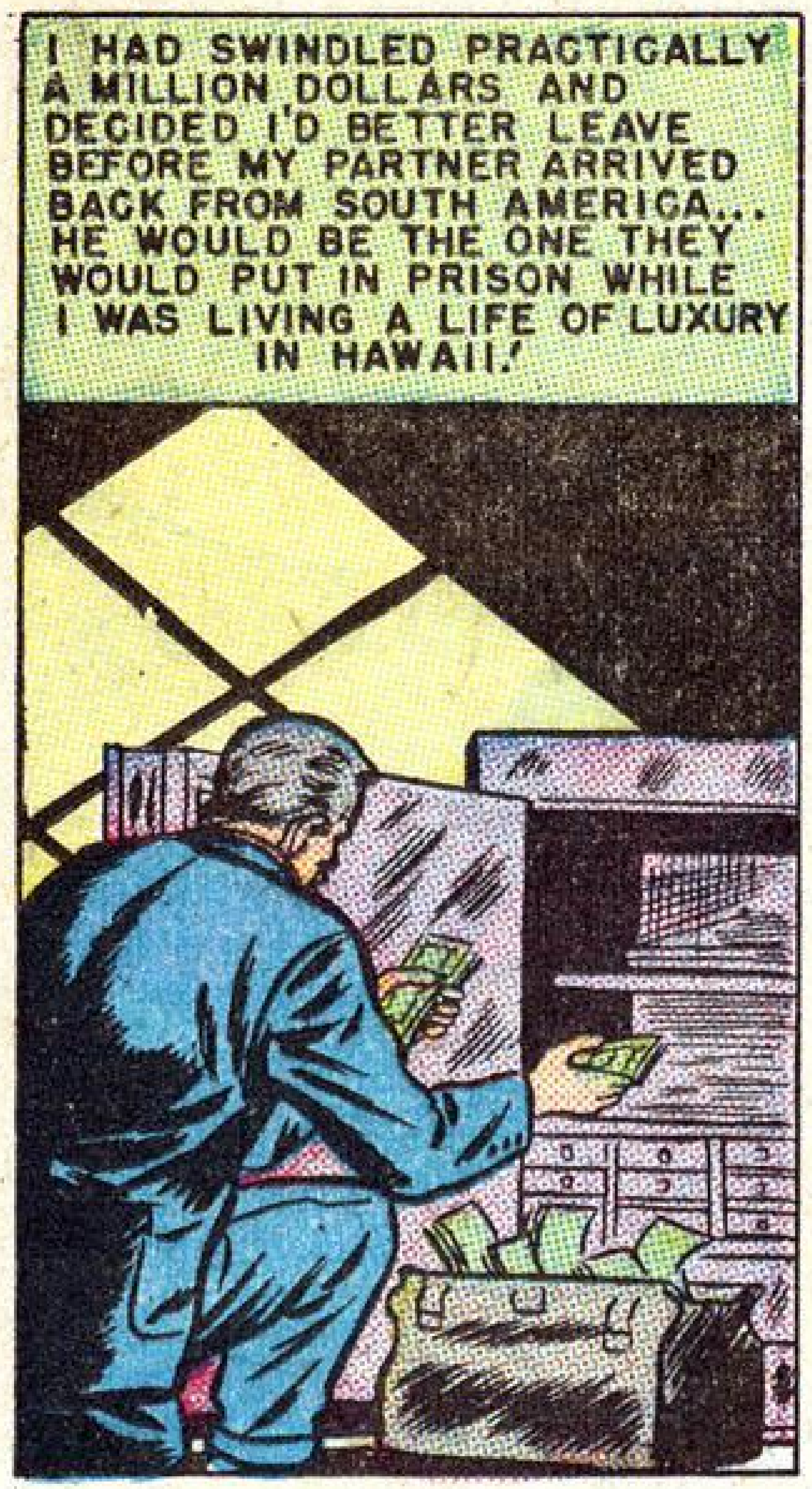
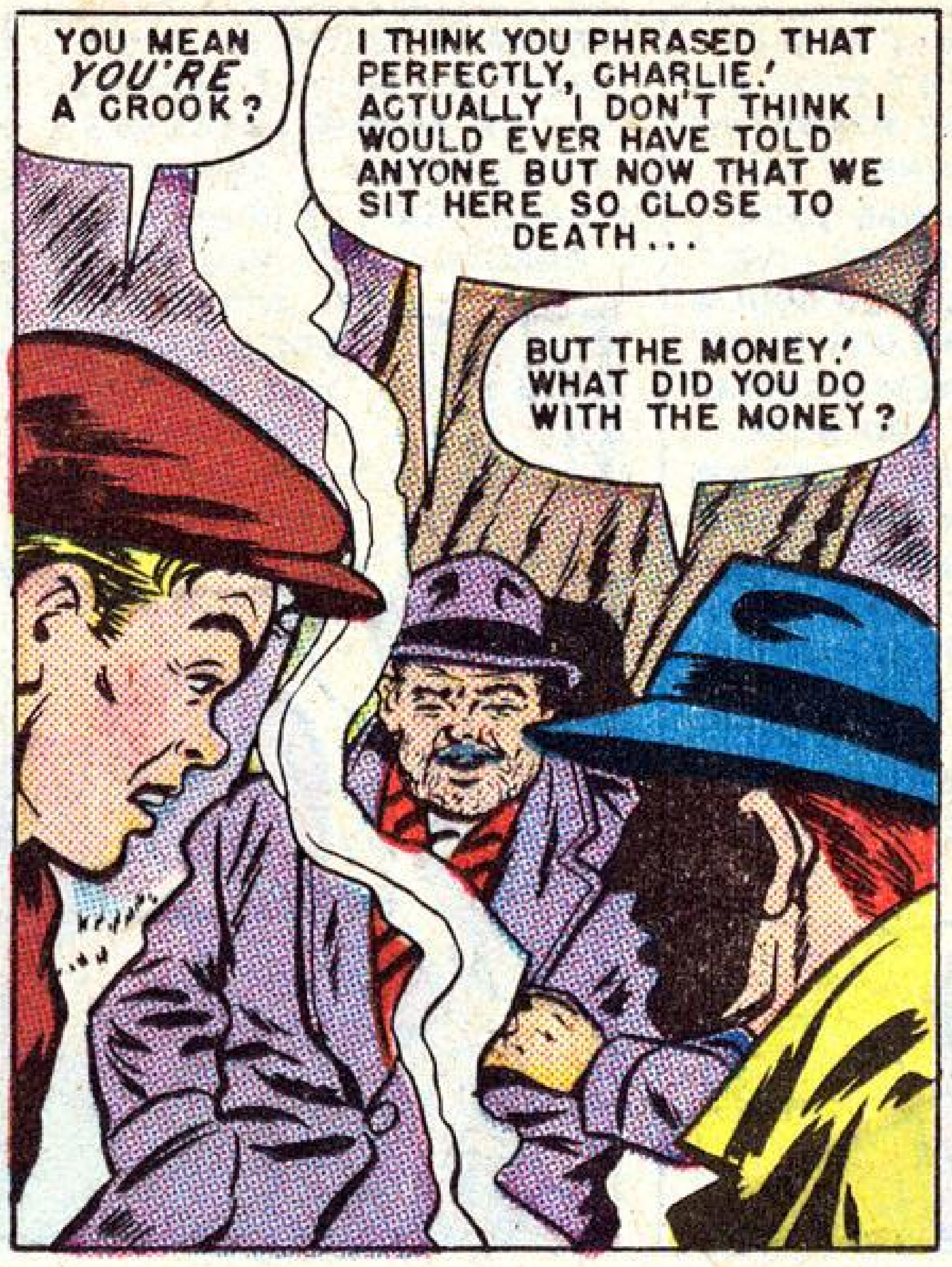
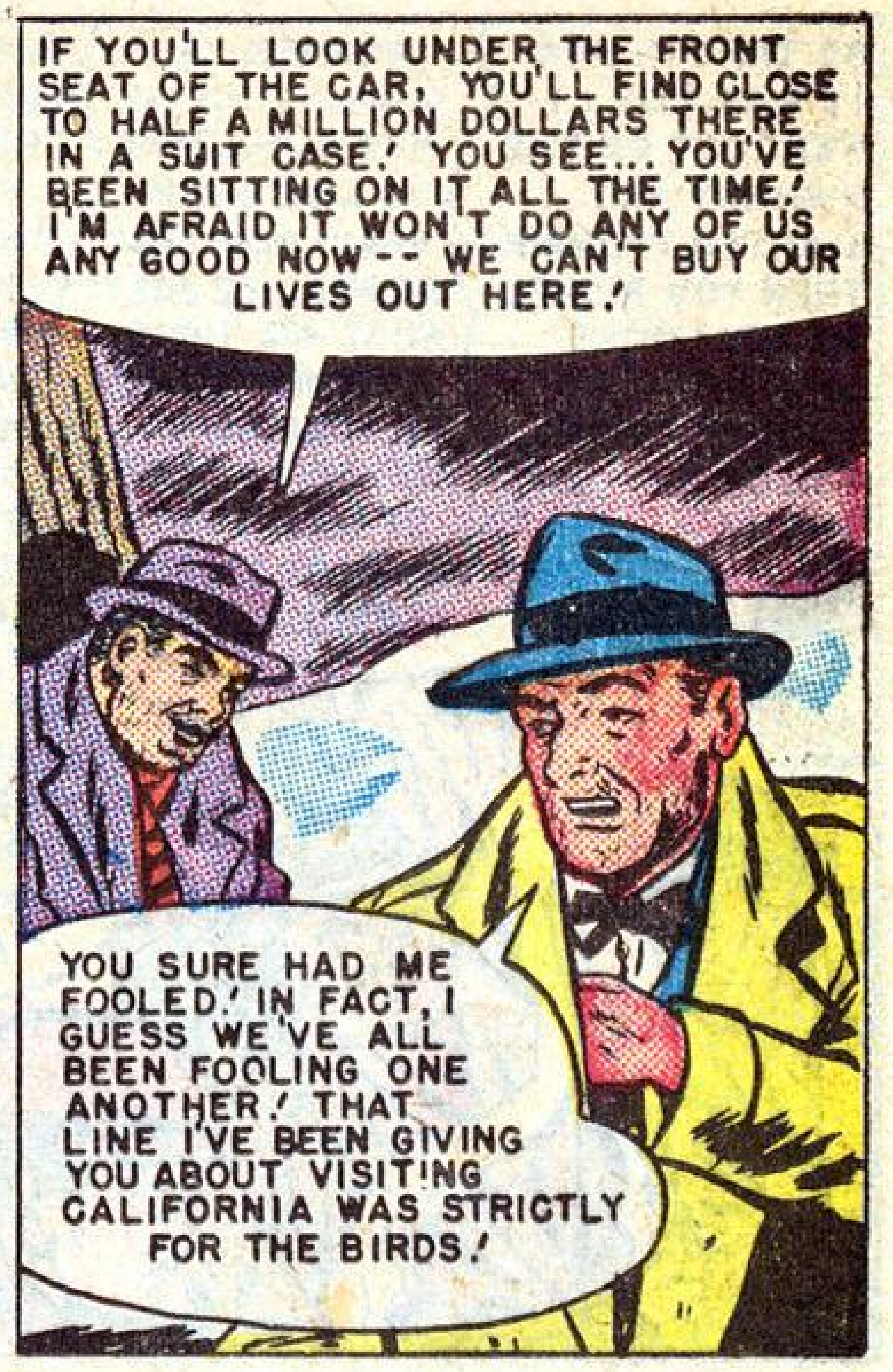
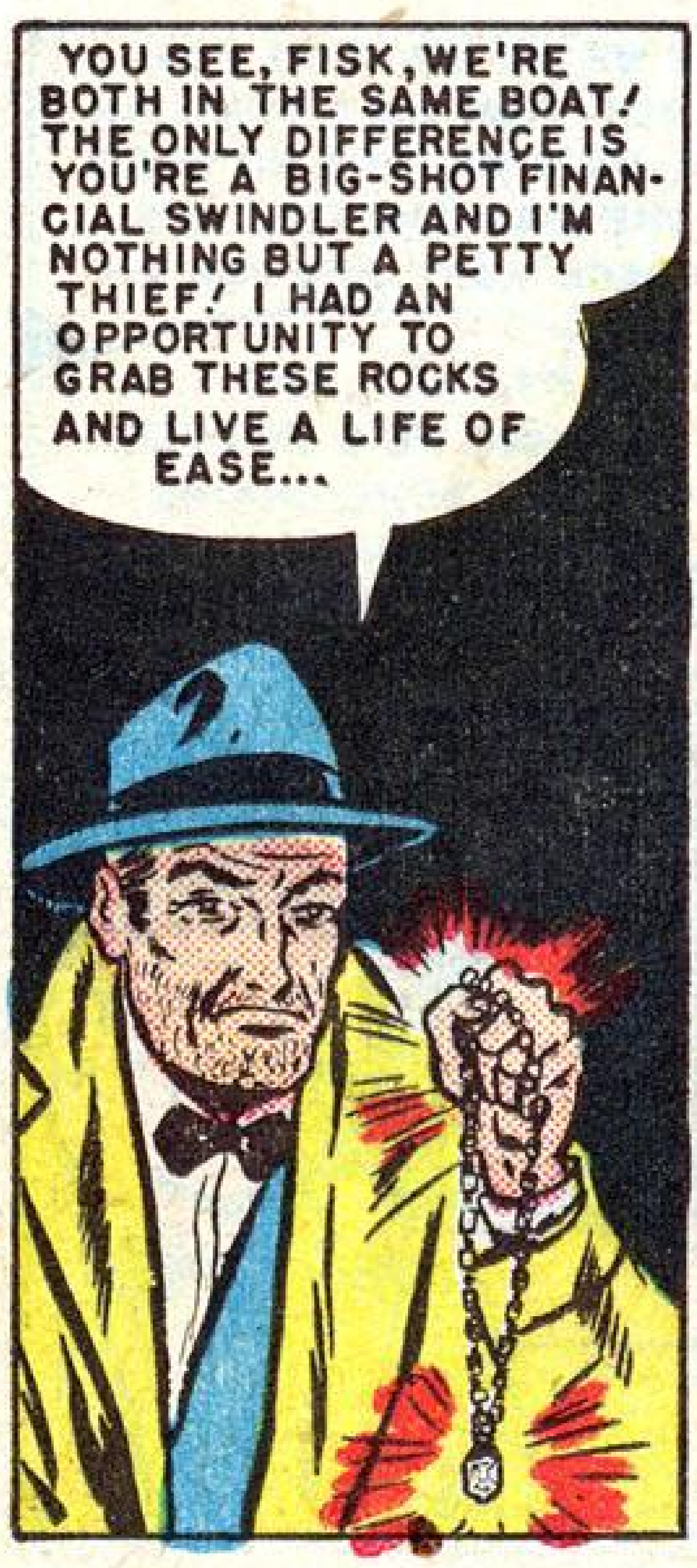
WHY DOES HE KEEP INSISTING THAT I BECOME A DOCTOR? I KNOW I COULD WRITE IF I ONLY HAD THE CHANCE! JUST 'CAUSE WHEN HE WAS A KID HE WANTED TO BECOME A DOCTOR AND DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE HAS TO TAKE IT OUT ON ME! WELL-- I'M *NOT* GOING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL-- HE CAN DO WHAT HE WANTS TO!
THAT EVENING I WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE IT OUT WITH DAD, AND WE SURE DID! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO MAD IN ALL MY LIFE AS WHEN I TOLD HIM I WOULDN'T GO TO MEDICAL SCHOOL...
YOU'LL DO AS I SAY! I KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU! YOU'LL GO AFTER COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL-- YOU MIGHT JUST AS WELL MAKE YOUR MIND UP TO THAT RIGHT NOW!
YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO DO ANYTHING! YOU'VE BEEN HARPING ON MEDICAL SCHOOL EVER SINCE I KNEW WHAT THE WORD MEANT! YOU'VE DRIVEN AWAY ANY DESIRE THAT I MIGHT HAVE HAD TO BECOME A DOCTOR! GOOD-NIGHT!

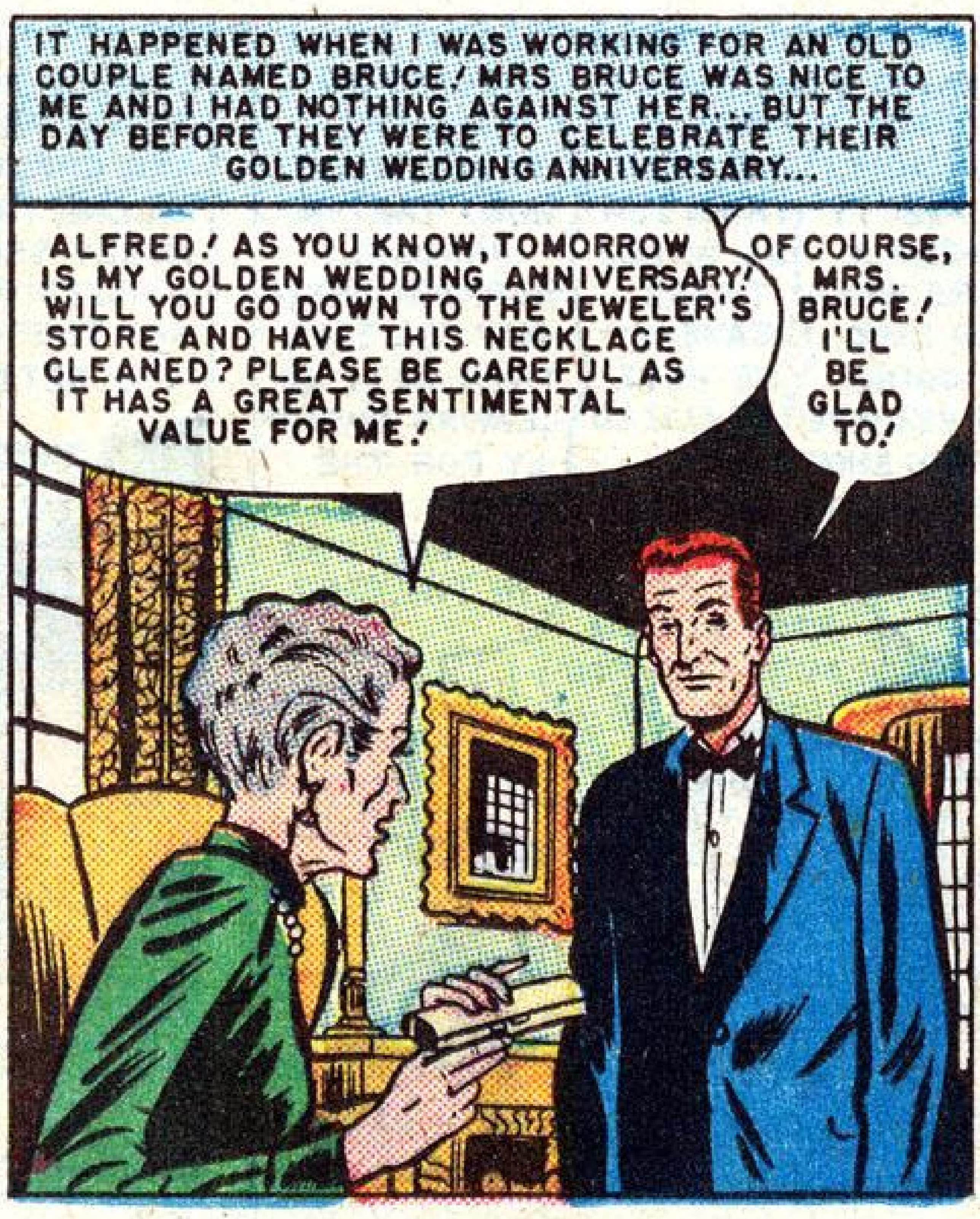

I GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND FINALLY SAVED UP ENOUGH MONEY TO RUN AWAY!... I GUESS THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
THAT'S TOO BAD, CHARLIE! OF COURSE, YOUR FATHER'S PARTLY TO BLAME! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO FORCEFUL!
NOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT-- BUT ISN'T THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO? WE CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND HERE AND FREEZE TO DEATH!!
I'VE LOOKED THE MAP OVER AND THERE ISN'T A TOWN WITHIN 30 MILES OF HERE! I'M AFRAID THERE ISN'T MUCH MORE WE CAN DO BUT JUST WAIT!
YOU MEAN--WE'VE GOT TO STAY HERE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES? WE HAVEN'T ANY FOOD--FINDING DRY WOOD IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE! WHY, I'M SO WEAK NOW I DON'T THINK I COULD GO OUT AND LOOK AROUND FOR ANY!
GOSH! I GUESS WE *ARE* IN A SPOT!
DURING THE ENTIRE DAY THE THREE WAITED RESTLESSLY FOR HELP, BUT NONE CAME! THAT EVENING THEY HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING AWAKE... THEY ALL KNEW THAT ONCE THEY FELL ASLEEP A FROZEN DEATH AWAITED THEM...
KEEP AWAKE, BOYS! MASSAGE YOUR LEGS AND ARMS! YOU MUSTN'T FALL ASLEEP NOW!
I CAN'T HELP IT! I'M TIRED! I CAN HARDLY KEEP MY EYES OPEN!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FISK! WE MUSTN'T SLEEP! IF ONLY WE HAD SOME GOOD HOT SOUP AND SOME WARM BLANKETS!
I CAN'T GET OVER HOW YOU CAME OUT, CHARLIE, AND TOLD US THAT STORY! IT'S FUNNY HOW A MAN NEAR DEATH GETS HIS TROUBLES OFF HIS MIND AND REPENTS FOR HIS MISDOINGS! FRANKLY I'M NO LILY OF THE VALLEY!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IF I HAD YOUR SET-UP, I'D BE LIVING ON TOP OF THE WORLD!
GOSH, MR. FISK--WHAT HAVE *YOU* EVER DONE? NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN, IS THERE?
HA! SUCCESSFUL! WHY I'M PROBABLY THE MOST HATED FINANCIER IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES! I GOT BIG IDEAS A YEAR AGO ON HOW TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS THE FAST WAY! OF COURSE, MY PARTNER KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT--HE WAS TOO HONEST TO BE A PART OF MY SCHEME, BUT I USED HIS INTEGRITY TO MY ADVANTAGE...
I HAD TO SELL HIM ON THE IDEA... IT TOOK QUITE A LITTLE EXPLAINING BUT I FINALLY CONVINCED HIM THAT IT WAS ON THE LEVEL...
YOU SEE, ARTHUR, WE PROMISE INVESTORS 50% PROFIT ON THEIR ORIGINAL INVESTMENTS WITHIN 6 MONTHS! I'M TELLING YOU IT'S WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS TO US AND IT'S STRICTLY ON THE LEVEL! YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH TIME TO THINK IT OVER--WHAT DO YOU SAY?
WELL, MILTON, IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THE BUSINESS AND PAY OFF THE CUSTOMERS ON TIME, I SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH IT! SURE, COUNT ME IN FOR HALF OF THE TRANSACTIONS! INCIDENTALLY, I'M LEAVING FOR SOUTH AMERICA NEXT WEEK ON BUSINESS SO YOU'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS NEW VENTURE ALL ALONE!
WITHIN A MATTER OF THREE WEEKS I HAD EVERY SUCKER WHO HAD A DOLLAR IN THE BANK THROWING IT MY WAY... THE IDEA WAS A NATURAL! EVERYONE WANTED TO GET RICH QUICK--50 PERCENT OF THEIR ORIGINAL INVESTMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS JUST HYPNOTIZED THEM!
SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS, SIR! HERE'S YOUR RECEIPT!
I HOPE THEY HAVE PLENTY OF THOSE STOCKS LEFT! MILTON FISK CERTAINLY IS A SMART MAN!
TELLER
THIS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE FINANCIAL WORLD!
I MANAGED TO CARRY ON THIS FARCE BY PAYING OUT THE FIFTY PERCENT PROFIT WITH THE EARLY INVESTMENTS, THUS COVERING UP THE SWINDLE...
NOW, LET ME SEE, MR. WINDSOR! YOU DEPOSITED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS SIX MONTHS AGO! SO HERE'S TEN THOUSAND PLUS FIVE THOUSAND--FIFTY PERCENT PROFIT!
FRANKLY, MR. FISK, I'D LIKE TO INVEST THE ENTIRE 15 THOUSAND--THAT IS, IF IT'S PERMISSABLE! I DON'T KNOW OF ANY PLACE WHERE MY MONEY CAN EARN SUCH A HIGH PERCENTAGE FOR ME!

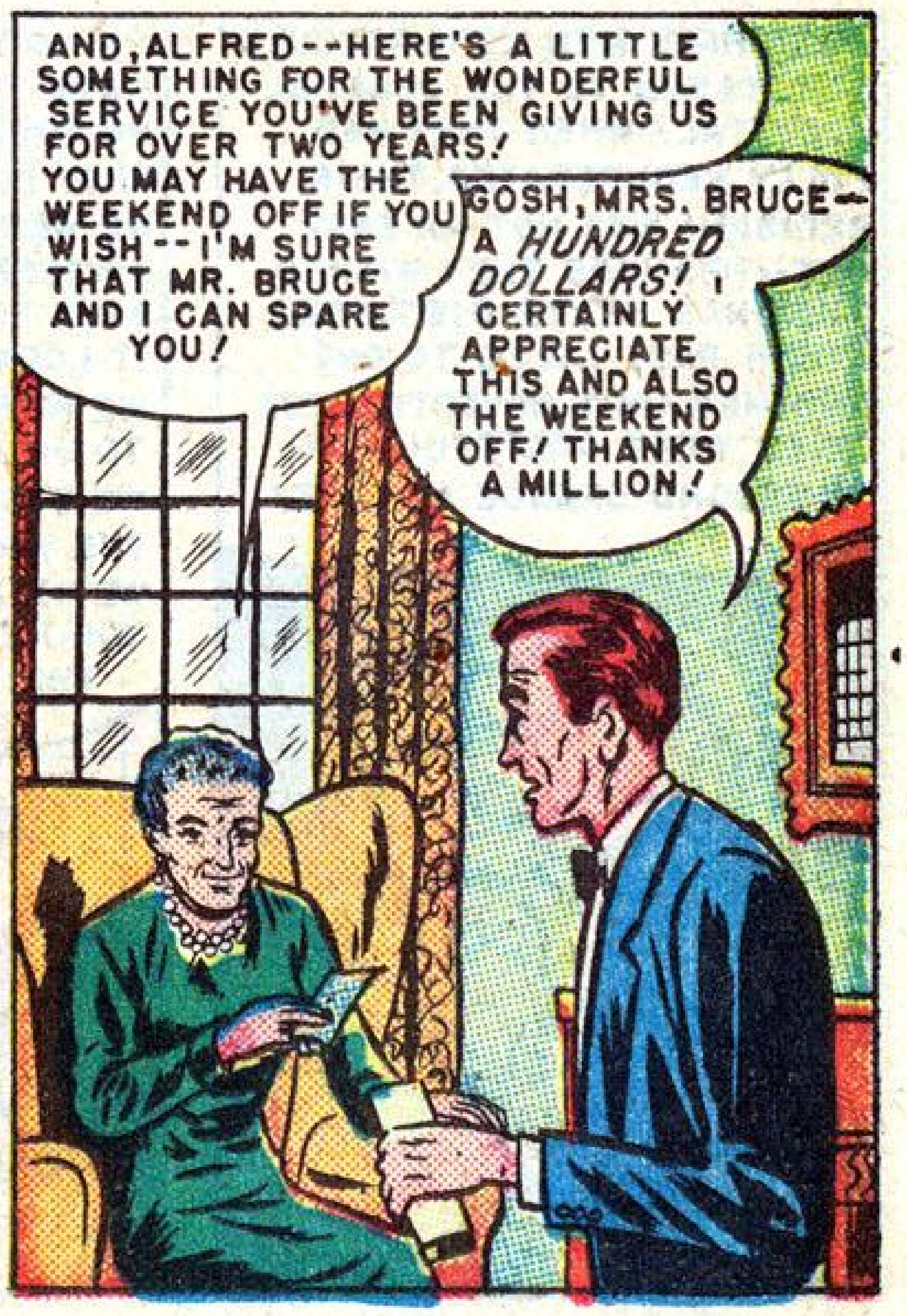

I HAD SWINDLED PRACTICALLY A MILLION DOLLARS AND DECIDED I'D BETTER LEAVE BEFORE MY PARTNER ARRIVED BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA... HE WOULD BE THE ONE THEY WOULD PUT IN PRISON WHILE I WAS LIVING A LIFE OF LUXURY IN HAWAII!

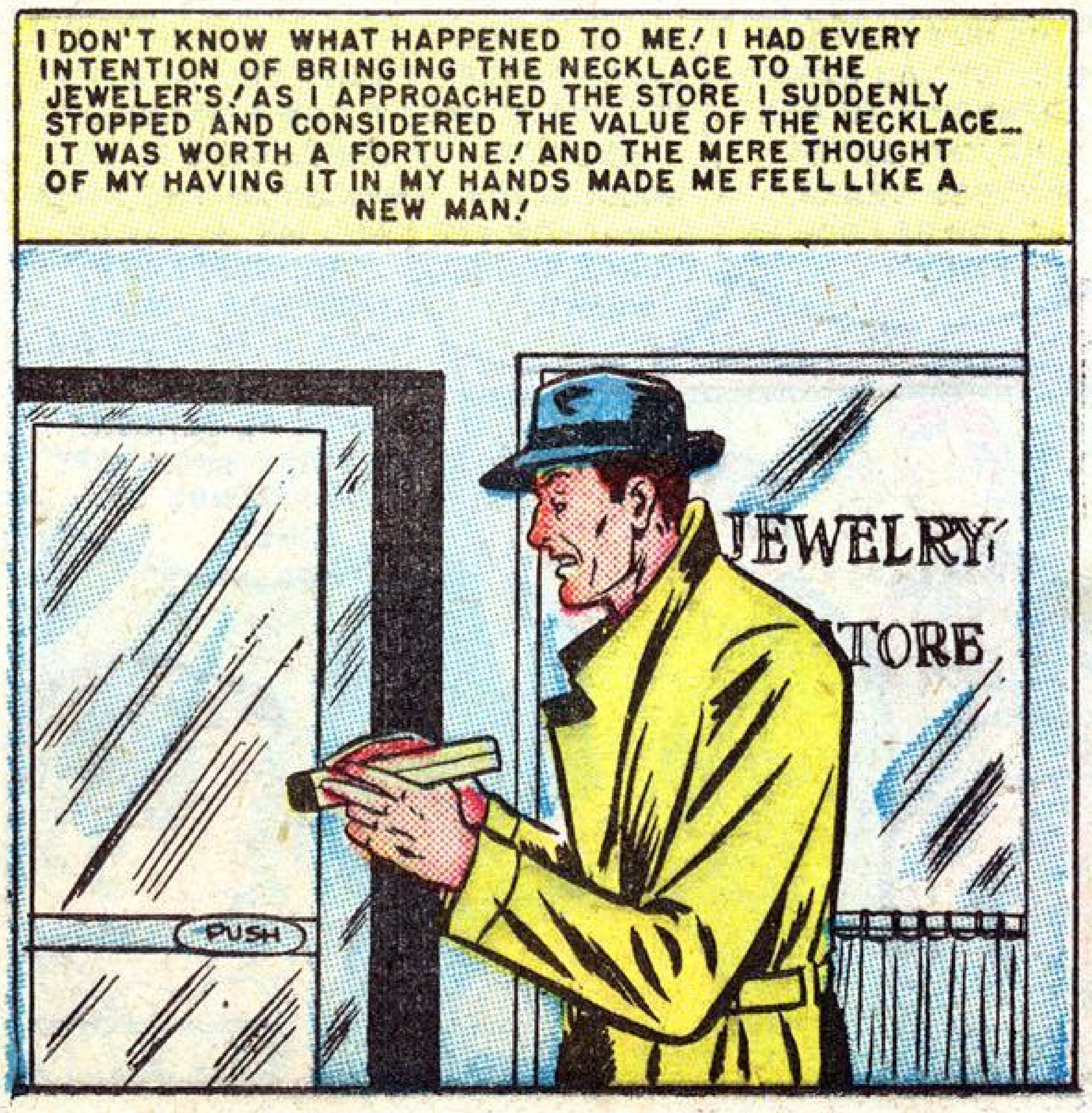

YOU MEAN *YOU'RE* A CROOK?
I THINK YOU PHRASED THAT PERFECTLY, CHARLIE! ACTUALLY I DON'T THINK I WOULD EVER HAVE TOLD ANYONE BUT NOW THAT WE SIT HERE SO CLOSE TO DEATH...
BUT THE MONEY! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE MONEY?


IF YOU'LL LOOK UNDER THE FRONT SEAT OF THE CAR, YOU'LL FIND CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION DOLLARS THERE IN A SUIT CASE! YOU SEE... YOU'VE BEEN SITTING ON IT ALL THE TIME! I'M AFRAID IT WON'T DO ANY OF US ANY GOOD NOW -- WE CAN'T BUY OUR LIVES OUT HERE!
YOU SURE HAD ME FOOLED! IN FACT, I GUESS WE'VE ALL BEEN FOOLING ONE ANOTHER! THAT LINE I'VE BEEN GIVING YOU ABOUT VISITING CALIFORNIA WAS STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS!


YOU SEE, FISK, WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME BOAT! THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS YOU'RE A BIG-SHOT FINANCIAL SWINDLER AND I'M NOTHING BUT A PETTY THIEF! I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GRAB THESE ROCKS AND LIVE A LIFE OF EASE...


IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS WORKING FOR AN OLD COUPLE NAMED BRUCE! MRS BRUCE WAS NICE TO ME AND I HAD NOTHING AGAINST HER... BUT THE DAY BEFORE THEY WERE TO CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...
ALFRED! AS YOU KNOW, TOMORROW IS MY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! WILL YOU GO DOWN TO THE JEWELER'S STORE AND HAVE THIS NECKLACE CLEANED? PLEASE BE CAREFUL AS IT HAS A GREAT SENTIMENTAL VALUE FOR ME!
OF COURSE, MRS. BRUCE! I'LL BE GLAD TO!


AND, ALFRED--HERE'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE WONDERFUL SERVICE YOU'VE BEEN GIVING US FOR OVER TWO YEARS! YOU MAY HAVE THE WEEKEND OFF IF YOU WISH--I'M SURE THAT MR. BRUCE AND I CAN SPARE YOU!
GOSH, MRS. BRUCE--A *HUNDRED DOLLARS!* I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THIS AND ALSO THE WEEKEND OFF! THANKS A MILLION!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! I HAD EVERY INTENTION OF BRINGING THE NECKLACE TO THE JEWELER'S! AS I APPROACHED THE STORE I SUDDENLY STOPPED AND CONSIDERED THE VALUE OF THE NECKLACE... IT WAS WORTH A FORTUNE! AND THE MERE THOUGHT OF MY HAVING IT IN MY HANDS MADE ME FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN!
JEWELRY STORE
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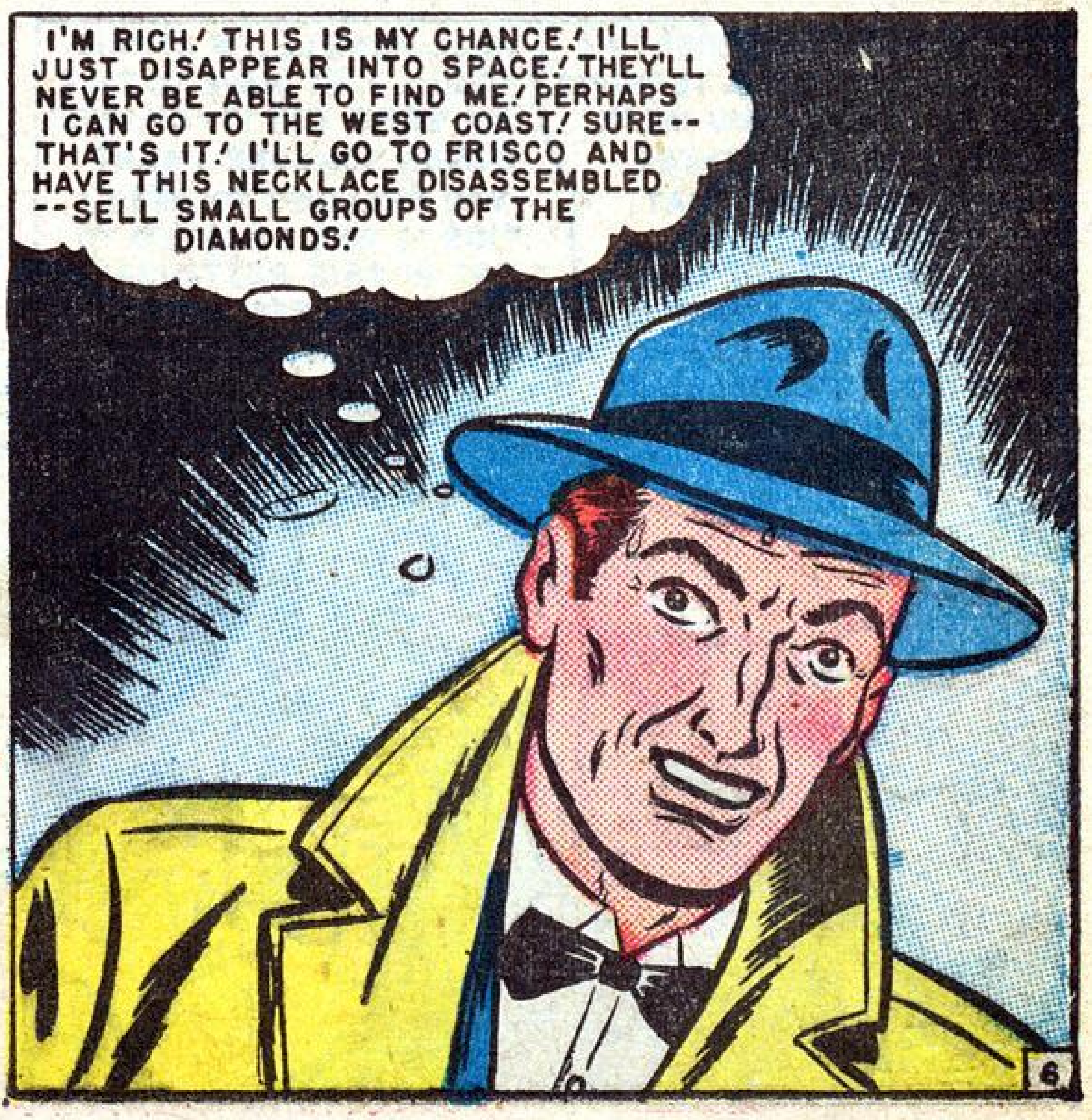
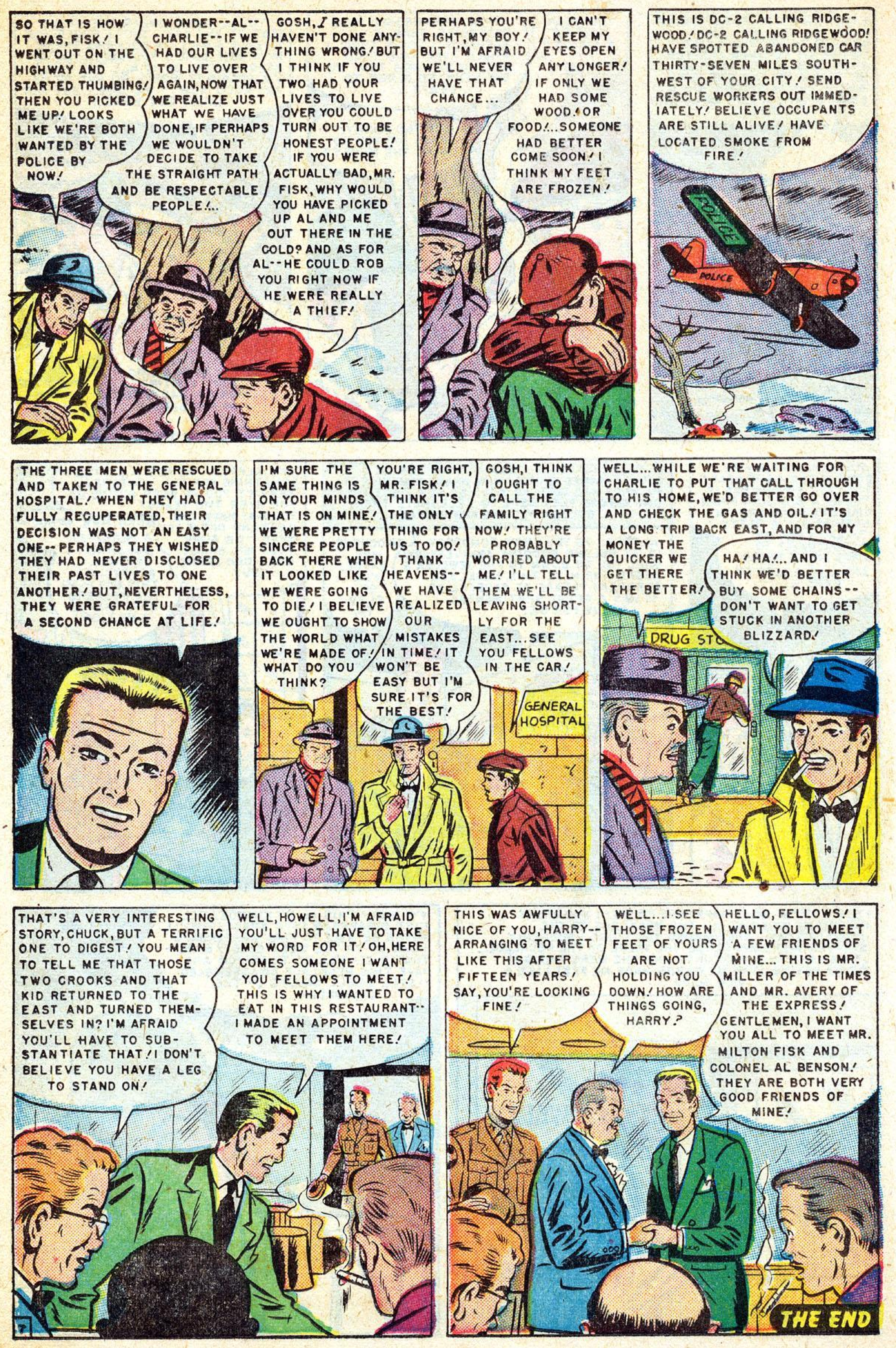

I'M RICH! THIS IS MY CHANCE! I'LL JUST DISAPPEAR INTO SPACE! THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND ME! PERHAPS I CAN GO TO THE WEST COAST! SURE--THAT'S IT! I'LL GO TO FRISCO AND HAVE THIS NECKLACE DISASSEMBLED--SELL SMALL GROUPS OF THE DIAMONDS!


SO THAT IS HOW IT WAS, FISK! I WENT OUT ON THE HIGHWAY AND STARTED THUMBING! THEN YOU PICKED ME UP! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BOTH WANTED BY THE POLICE BY NOW!
I WONDER--AL--CHARLIE--IF WE HAD OUR LIVES TO LIVE OVER AGAIN, NOW THAT WE REALIZE JUST WHAT WE HAVE DONE, IF PERHAPS WE WOULDN'T DECIDE TO TAKE THE STRAIGHT PATH AND BE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE!...
GOSH, I REALLY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG! BUT I THINK IF YOU TWO HAD YOUR LIVES TO LIVE OVER YOU COULD TURN OUT TO BE HONEST PEOPLE! IF YOU WERE ACTUALLY BAD, MR. FISK, WHY WOULD YOU HAVE PICKED UP AL AND ME OUT THERE IN THE COLD? AND AS FOR AL--HE COULD ROB YOU RIGHT NOW IF HE WERE REALLY A THIEF!
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT, MY BOY! BUT I'M AFRAID WE'LL NEVER HAVE THAT CHANCE...
I CAN'T KEEP MY EYES OPEN ANY LONGER! IF ONLY WE HAD SOME WOOD! OR FOOD!...SOMEONE HAD BETTER COME SOON! I THINK MY FEET ARE FROZEN!
THIS IS DC-2 CALLING RIDGEWOOD! DC-2 CALLING RIDGEWOOD! HAVE SPOTTED ABANDONED CAR THIRTY-SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF YOUR CITY! SEND RESCUE WORKERS OUT IMMEDIATELY! BELIEVE OCCUPANTS ARE STILL ALIVE! HAVE LOCATED SMOKE FROM FIRE!
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POLICE
THE THREE MEN WERE RESCUED AND TAKEN TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL! WHEN THEY HAD FULLY RECUPERATED, THEIR DECISION WAS NOT AN EASY ONE--PERHAPS THEY WISHED THEY HAD NEVER DISCLOSED THEIR PAST LIVES TO ONE ANOTHER! BUT, NEVERTHELESS, THEY WERE GRATEFUL FOR A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE!
I'M SURE THE SAME THING IS ON YOUR MINDS THAT IS ON MINE! WE WERE PRETTY SINCERE PEOPLE BACK THERE WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE GOING TO DIE! I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT WE'RE MADE OF! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. FISK! I THINK IT'S THE ONLY THING FOR US TO DO! THANK HEAVENS--WE HAVE REALIZED OUR MISTAKES IN TIME! IT WON'T BE EASY BUT I'M SURE IT'S FOR THE BEST!
GOSH, I THINK I OUGHT TO CALL THE FAMILY RIGHT NOW! THEY'RE PROBABLY WORRIED ABOUT ME! I'LL TELL THEM WE'LL BE LEAVING SHORTLY FOR THE EAST...SEE YOU FELLOWS IN THE CAR!
GENERAL HOSPITAL
WELL...WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR CHARLIE TO PUT THAT CALL THROUGH TO HIS HOME, WE'D BETTER GO OVER AND CHECK THE GAS AND OIL! IT'S A LONG TRIP BACK EAST, AND FOR MY MONEY THE QUICKER WE GET THERE THE BETTER!
HA! HA!... AND I THINK WE'D BETTER BUY SOME CHAINS--DON'T WANT TO GET STUCK IN ANOTHER BLIZZARD!
DRUG STO
THAT'S A VERY INTERESTING STORY, CHUCK, BUT A TERRIFIC ONE TO DIGEST! YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THOSE TWO CROOKS AND THAT KID RETURNED TO THE EAST AND TURNED THEMSELVES IN? I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO SUBSTANTIATE THAT! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON!
WELL, HOWELL, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT! OH, HERE COMES SOMEONE I WANT YOU FELLOWS TO MEET! THIS IS WHY I WANTED TO EAT IN THIS RESTAURANT--I MADE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET THEM HERE!
THIS WAS AWFULLY NICE OF YOU, HARRY--ARRANGING TO MEET LIKE THIS AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS! SAY, YOU'RE LOOKING FINE!
WELL...I SEE THOSE FROZEN FEET OF YOURS ARE NOT HOLDING YOU DOWN! HOW ARE THINGS GOING, HARRY?
HELLO, FELLOWS! I WANT YOU TO MEET A FEW FRIENDS OF MINE... THIS IS MR. MILLER OF THE TIMES AND MR. AVERY OF THE EXPRESS! GENTLEMEN, I WANT YOU ALL TO MEET MR. MILTON FISK AND COLONEL AL BENSON! THEY ARE BOTH VERY GOOD FRIENDS OF MINE!
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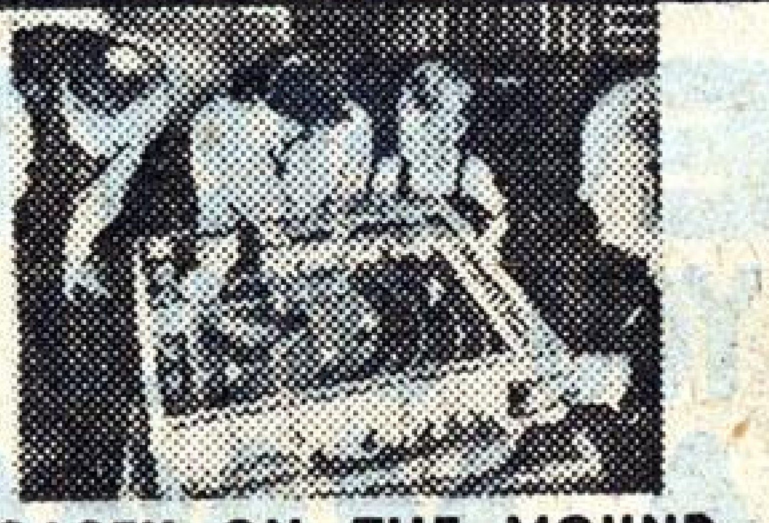

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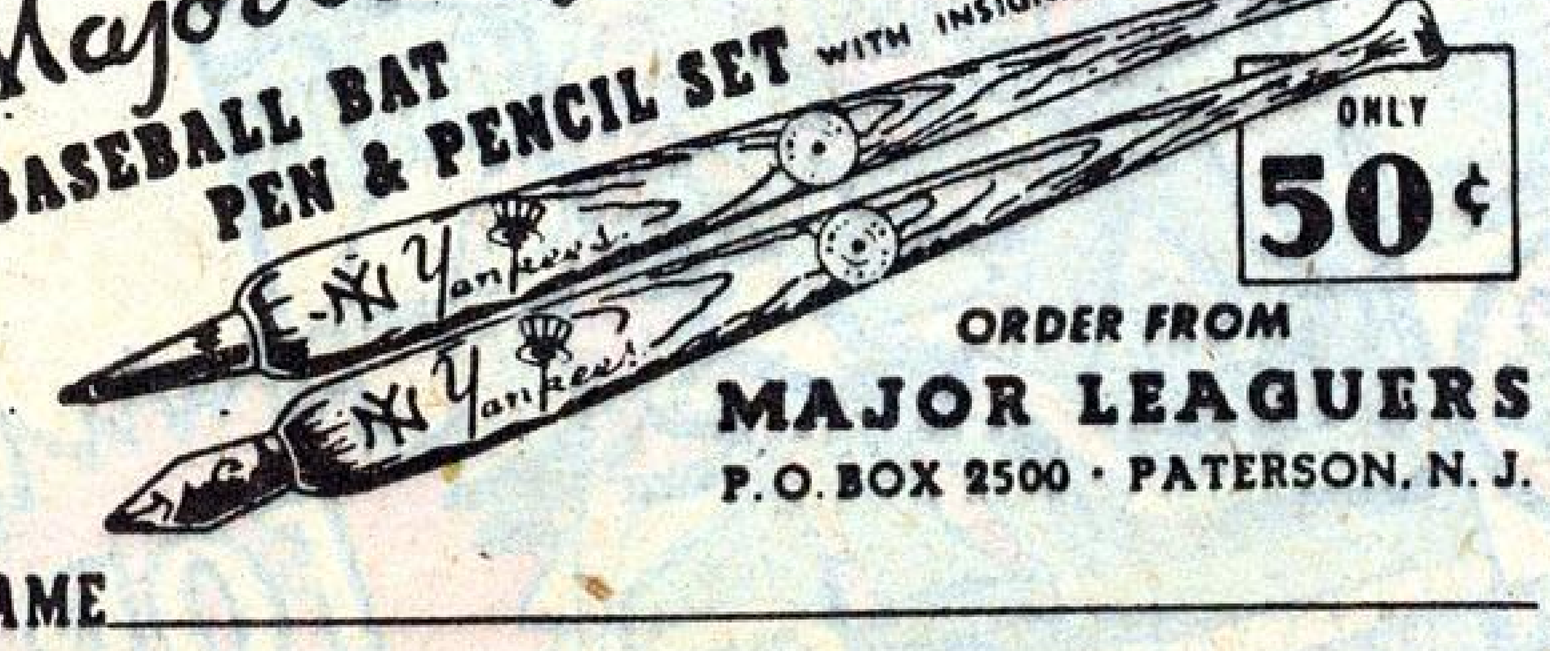

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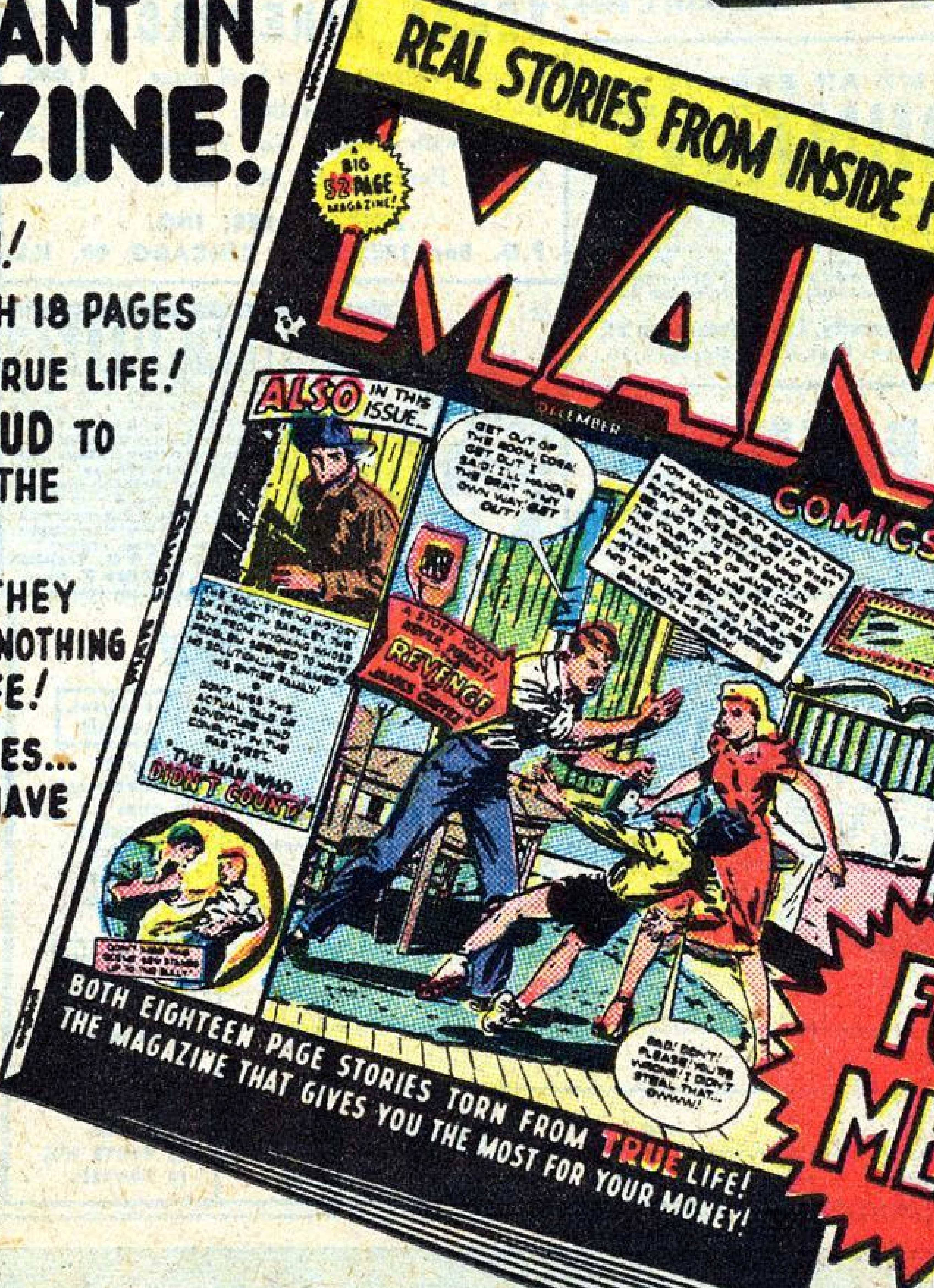
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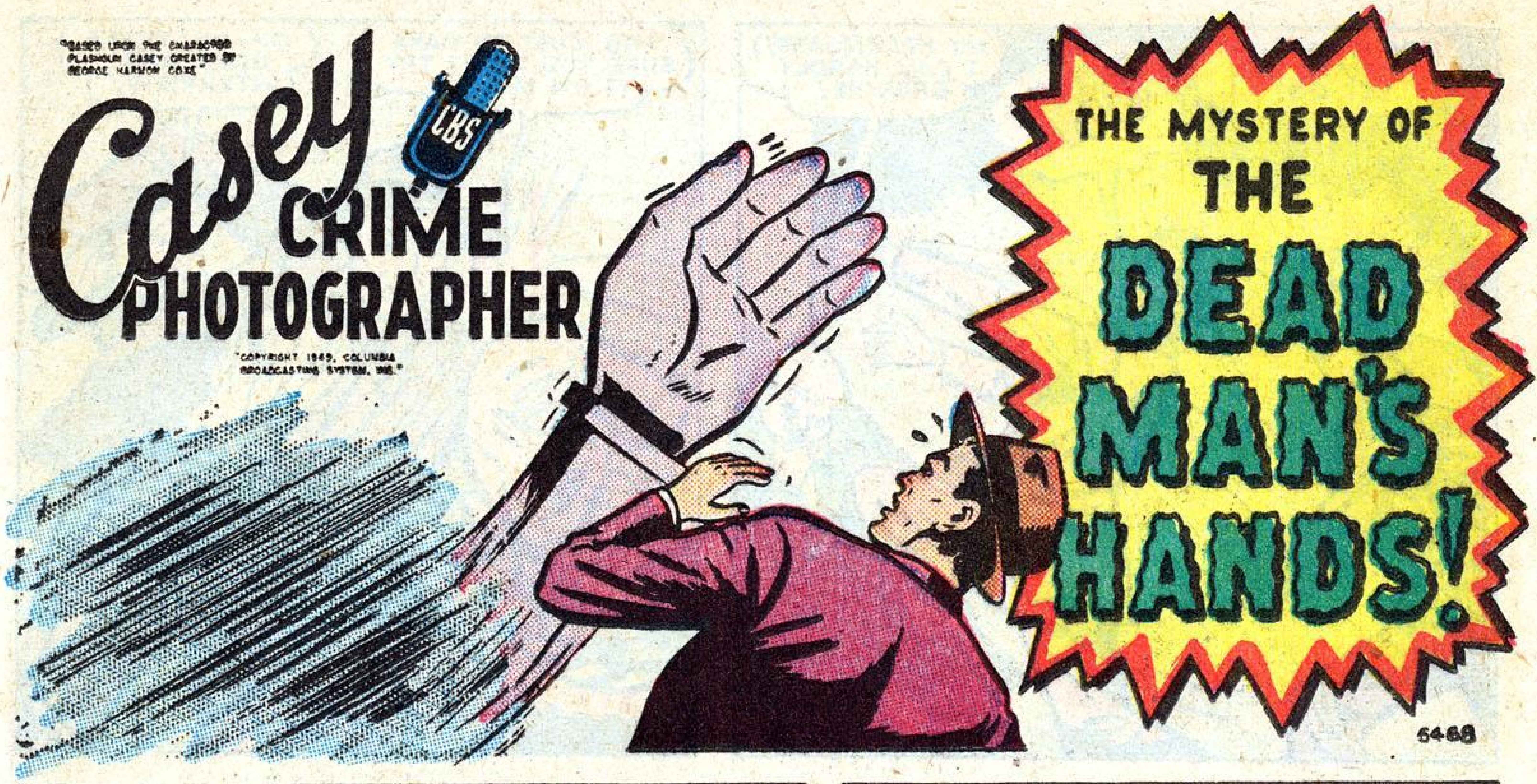
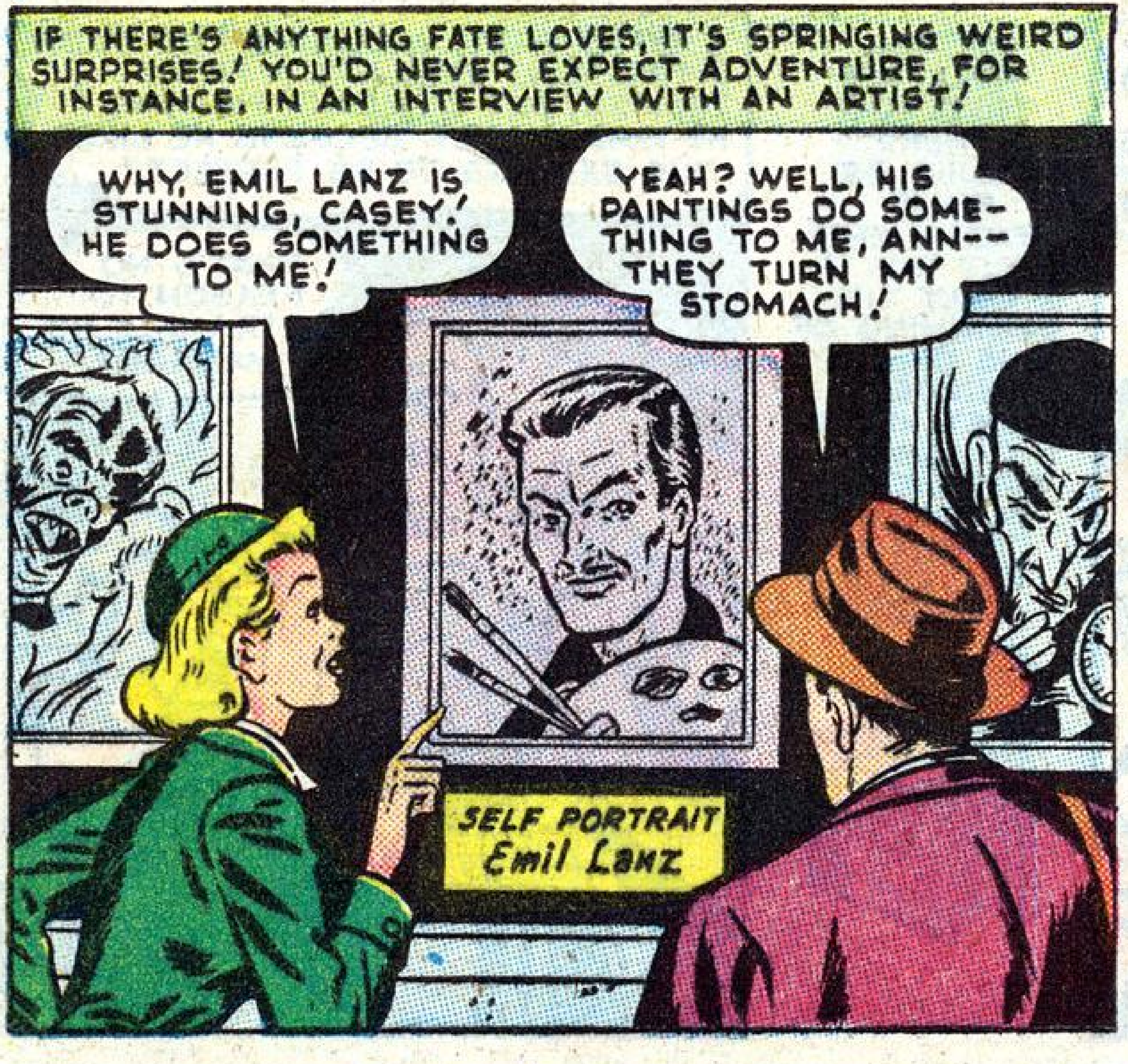
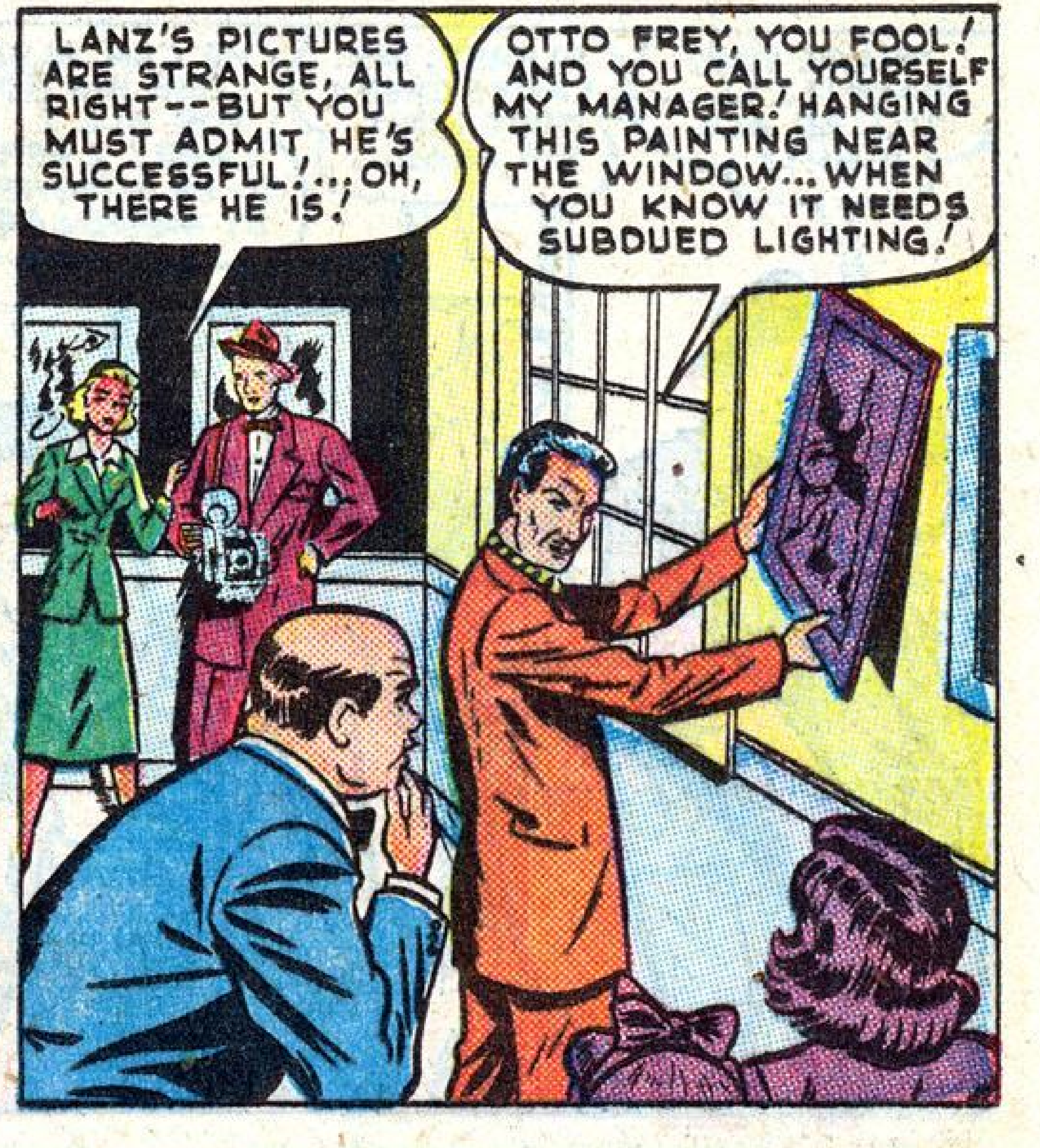
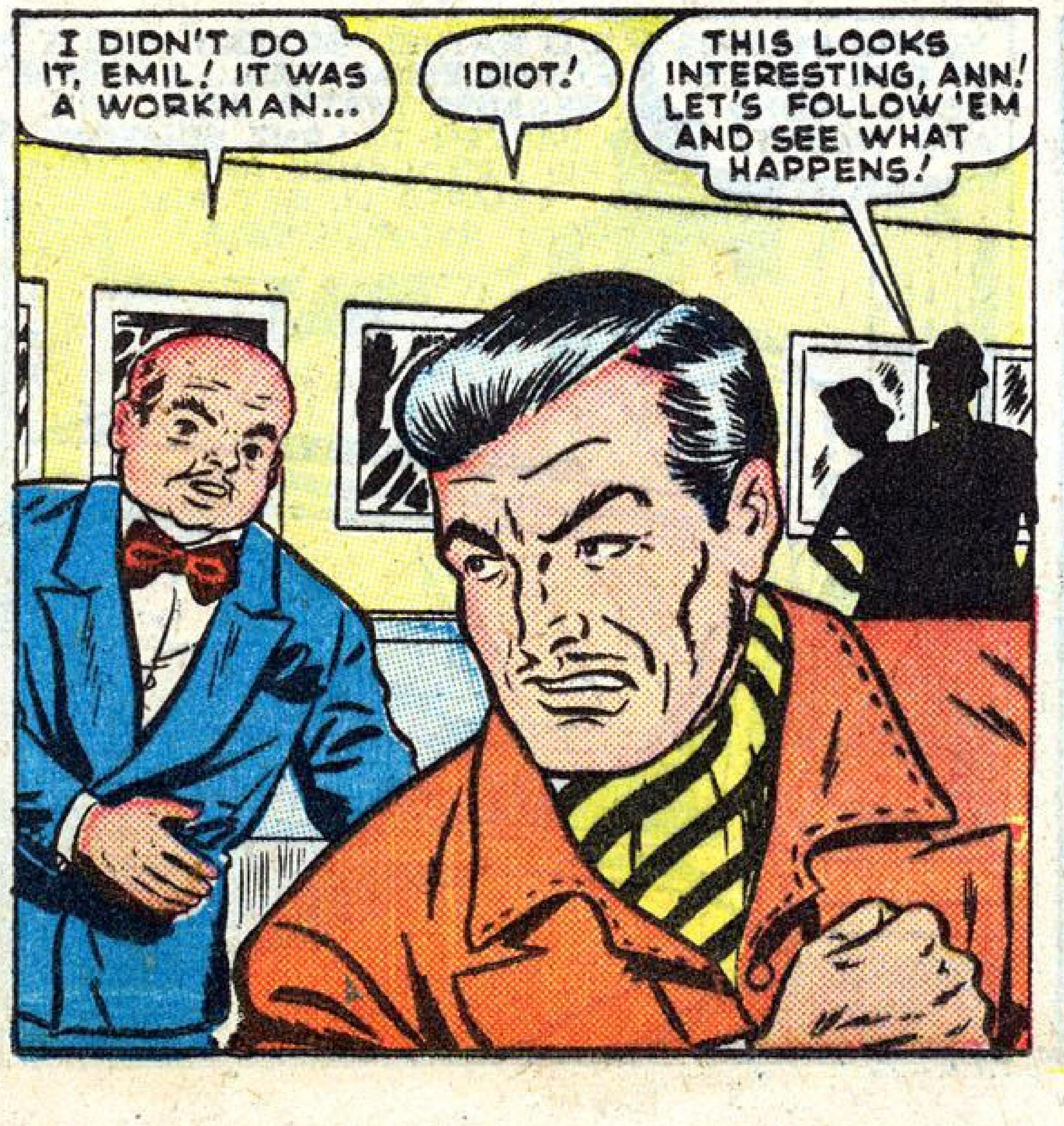
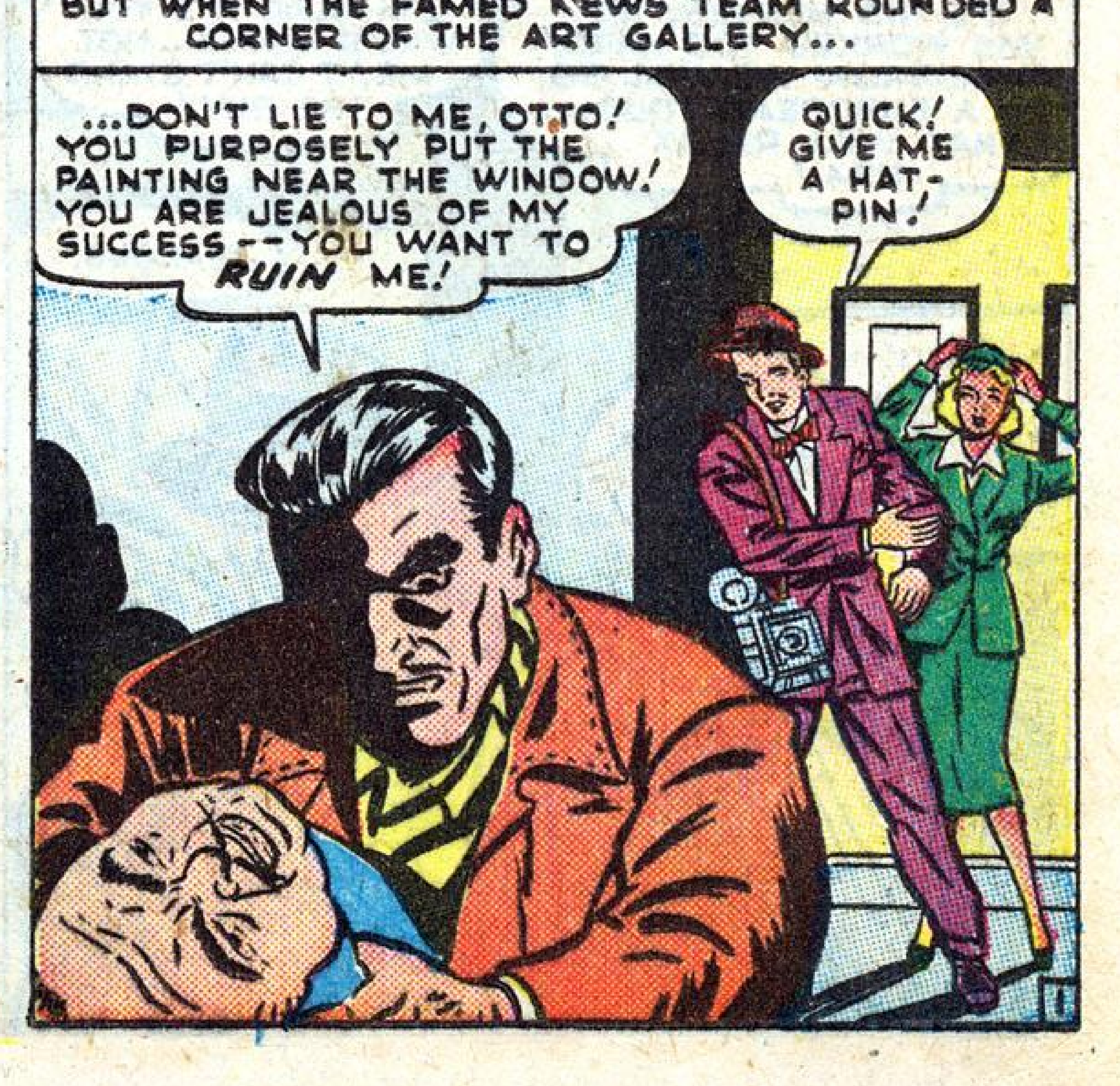
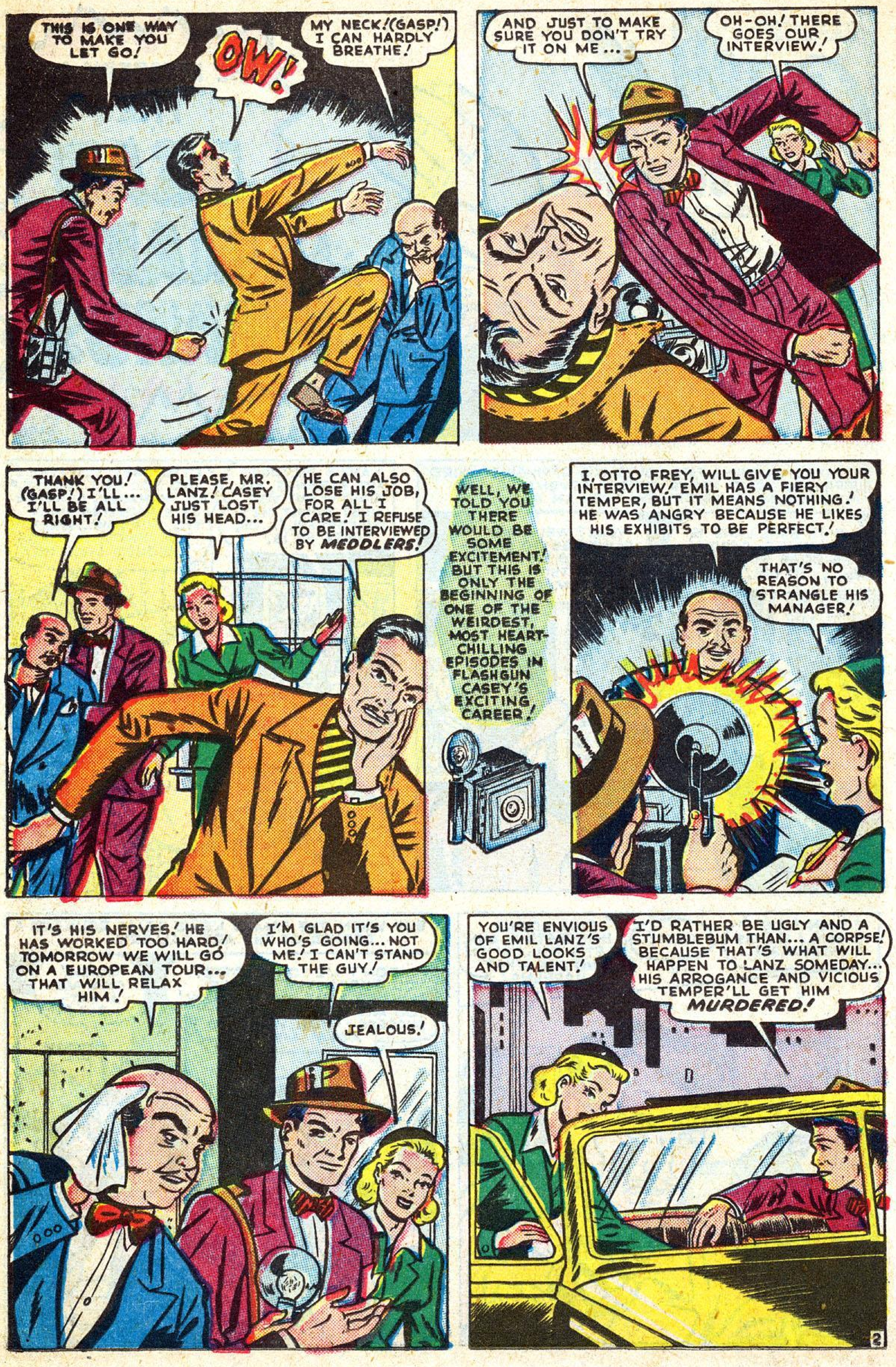


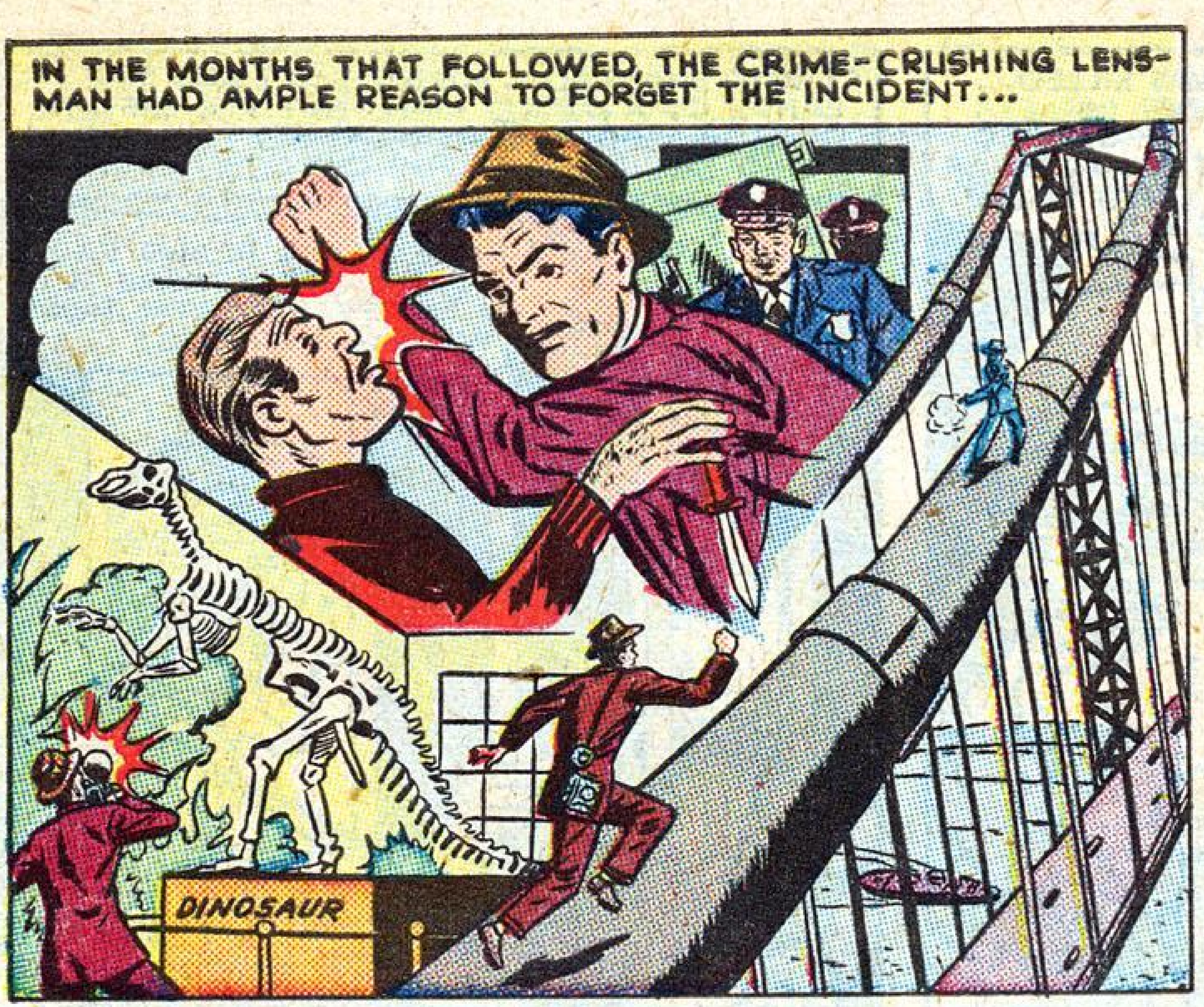

IF THERE'S ANYTHING FATE LOVES, IT'S SPRINGING WEIRD SURPRISES! YOU'D NEVER EXPECT ADVENTURE, FOR INSTANCE, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ARTIST!
WHY, EMIL LANZ IS STUNNING, CASEY! HE DOES SOMETHING TO ME!
YEAH? WELL, HIS PAINTINGS DO SOMETHING TO ME, ANN-- THEY TURN MY STOMACH!
SELF PORTRAIT
Emil Lanz


LANZ'S PICTURES ARE STRANGE, ALL RIGHT--BUT YOU MUST ADMIT HE'S SUCCESSFUL!...OH, THERE HE IS!
OTTO FREY, YOU FOOL! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF MY MANAGER! HANGING THIS PAINTING NEAR THE WINDOW...WHEN YOU KNOW IT NEEDS SUBDUED LIGHTING!


I DIDN'T DO IT, EMIL! IT WAS A WORKMAN...
IDIOT!
THIS LOOKS INTERESTING, ANN! LET'S FOLLOW 'EM AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!


BUT WHEN THE FAMED NEWS TEAM ROUNDED A CORNER OF THE ART GALLERY...
...DON'T LIE TO ME, OTTO! YOU PURPOSELY PUT THE PAINTING NEAR THE WINDOW! YOU ARE JEALOUS OF MY SUCCESS--YOU WANT TO RUIN ME!
QUICK! GIVE ME A HAT-PIN!


THIS IS ONE WAY TO MAKE YOU LET GO!
OW!
MY NECK! (GASP!) I CAN HARDLY BREATHE!
AND JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T TRY IT ON ME...
OH-OH! THERE GOES OUR INTERVIEW!
THANK YOU! (GASP!) I'LL... I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
PLEASE, MR. LANZ! CASEY JUST LOST HIS HEAD...
HE CAN ALSO LOSE HIS JOB, FOR ALL I CARE! I REFUSE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY MEDDLERS!
WELL, WE TOLD YOU THERE WOULD BE SOME EXCITEMENT! BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF ONE OF THE WEIRDEST, MOST HEART-CHILLING EPISODES IN FLASHGUN CASEY'S EXCITING CAREER!
I, OTTO FREY, WILL GIVE YOU YOUR INTERVIEW! EMIL HAS A FIERY TEMPER, BUT IT MEANS NOTHING! HE WAS ANGRY BECAUSE HE LIKES HIS EXHIBITS TO BE PERFECT!
THAT'S NO REASON TO STRANGLE HIS MANAGER!
IT'S HIS NERVES! HE HAS WORKED TOO HARD! TOMORROW WE WILL GO ON A EUROPEAN TOUR... THAT WILL RELAX HIM!
I'M GLAD IT'S YOU WHO'S GOING... NOT ME! I CAN'T STAND THE GUY!
JEALOUS!
YOU'RE ENVIOUS OF EMIL LANZ'S GOOD LOOKS AND TALENT!
I'D RATHER BE UGLY AND A STUMBLEBUM THAN... A CORPSE! BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO LANZ SOMEDAY... HIS ARROGANCE AND VICIOUS TEMPER'LL GET HIM MURDERED!


IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE CRIME-CRUSHING LENSMAN HAD AMPLE REASON TO FORGET THE INCIDENT...
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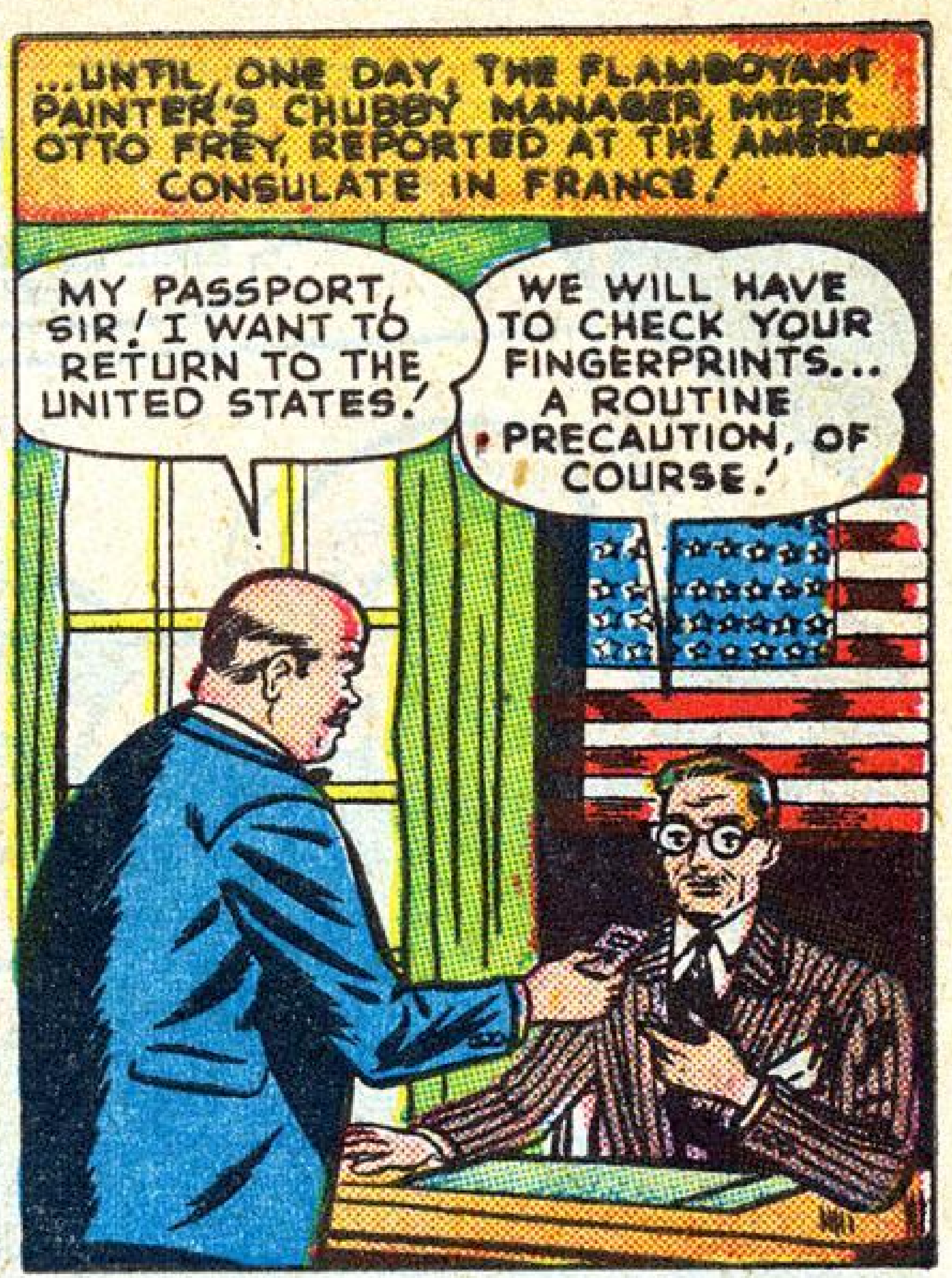
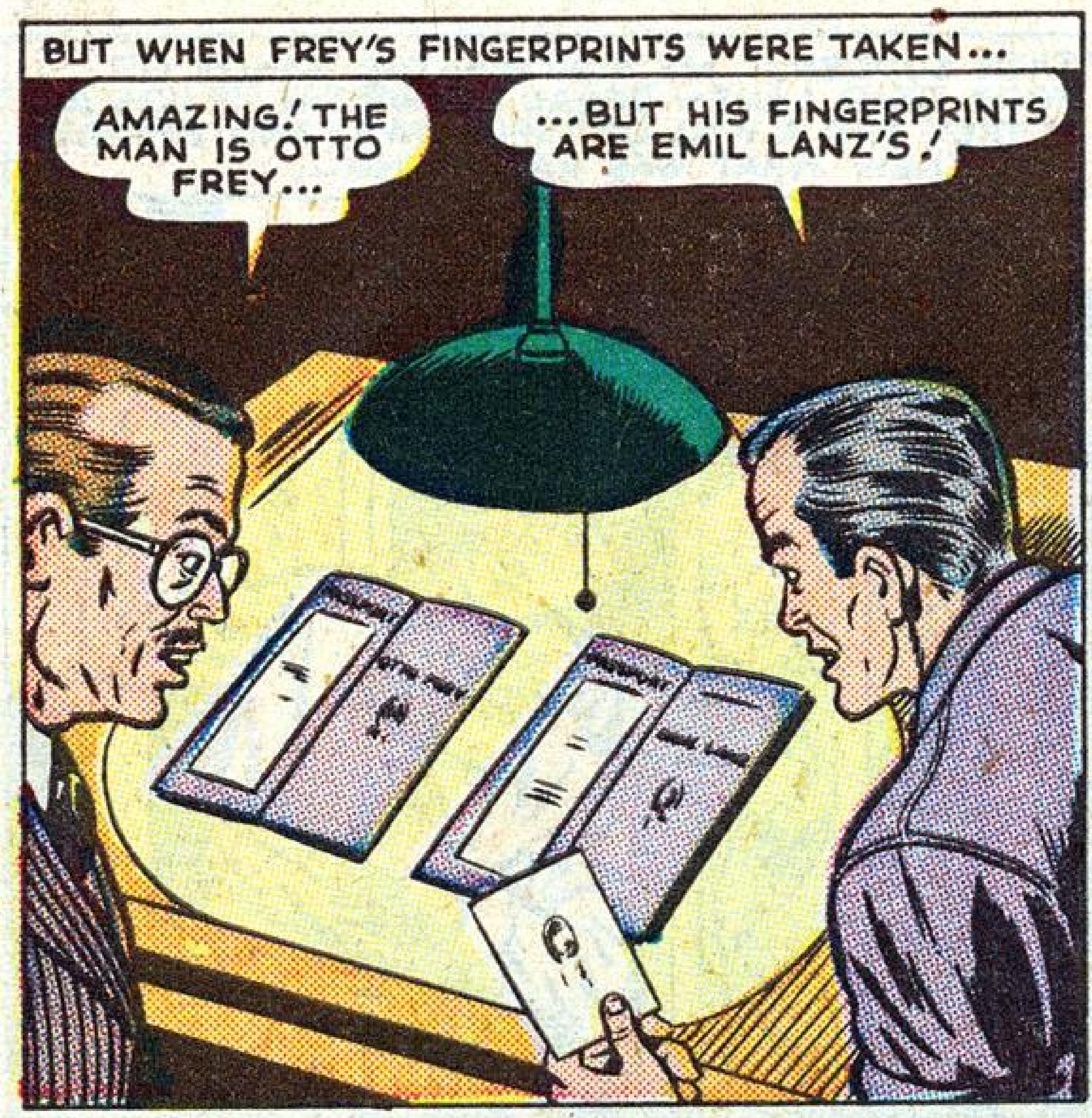
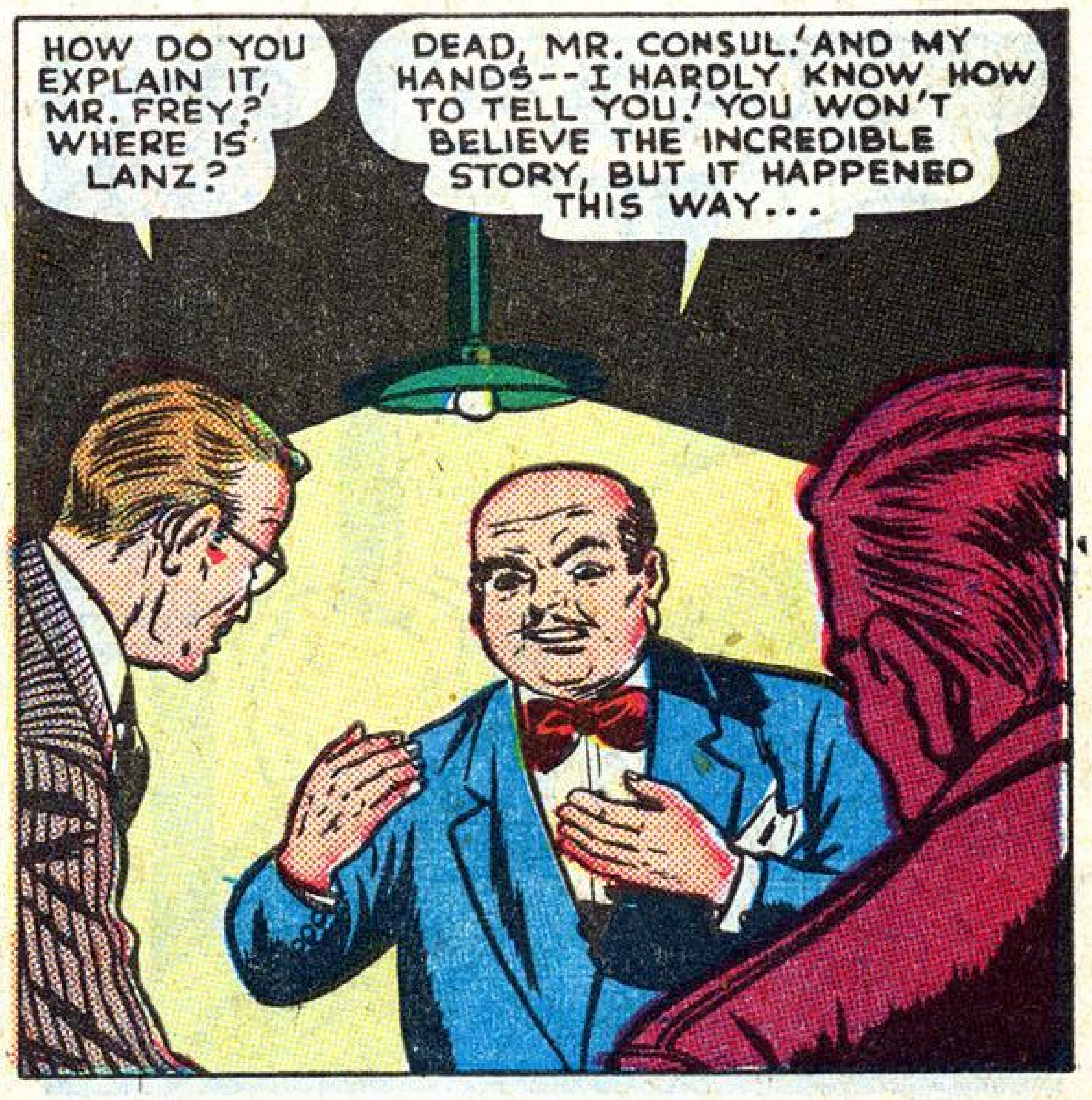
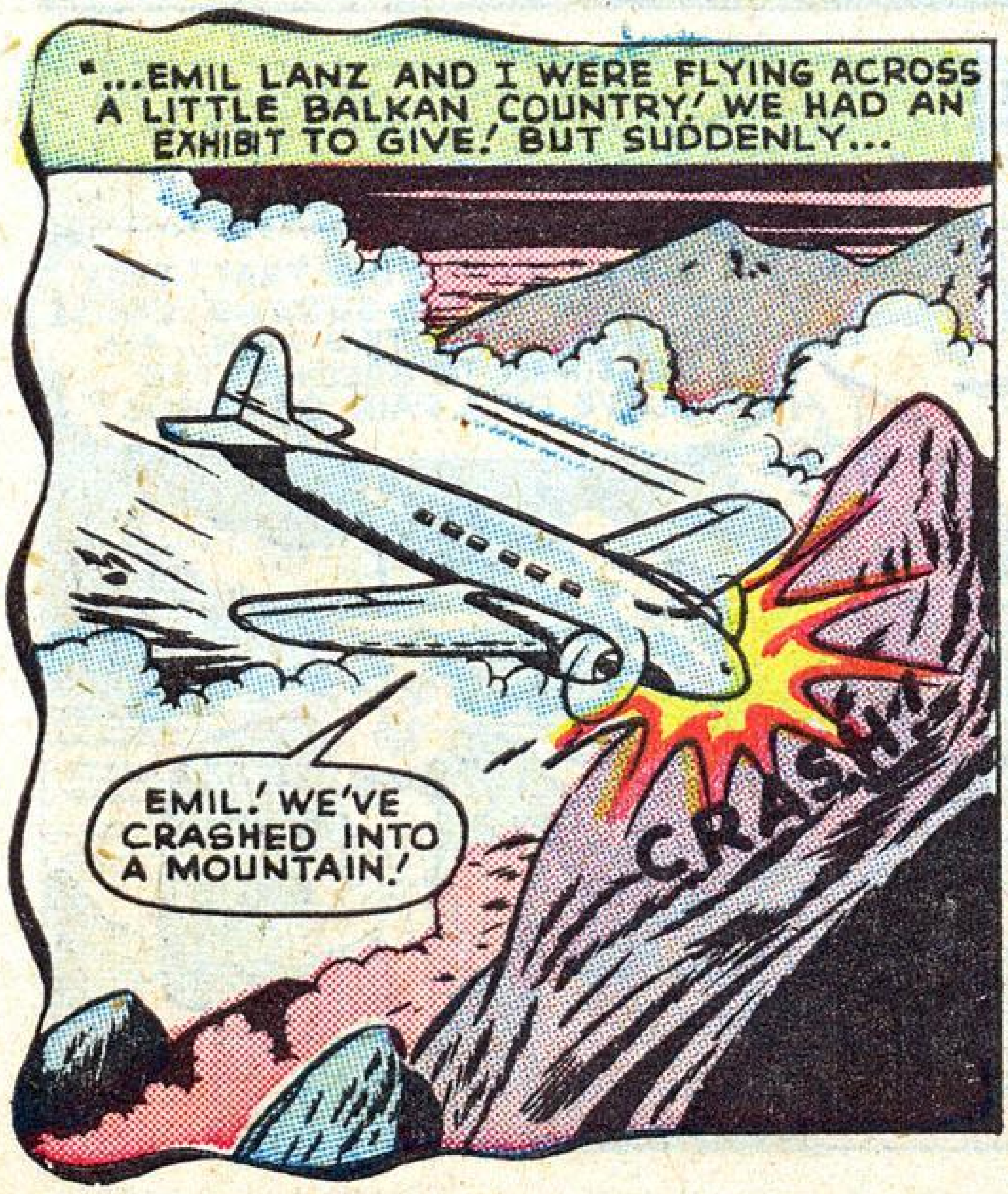
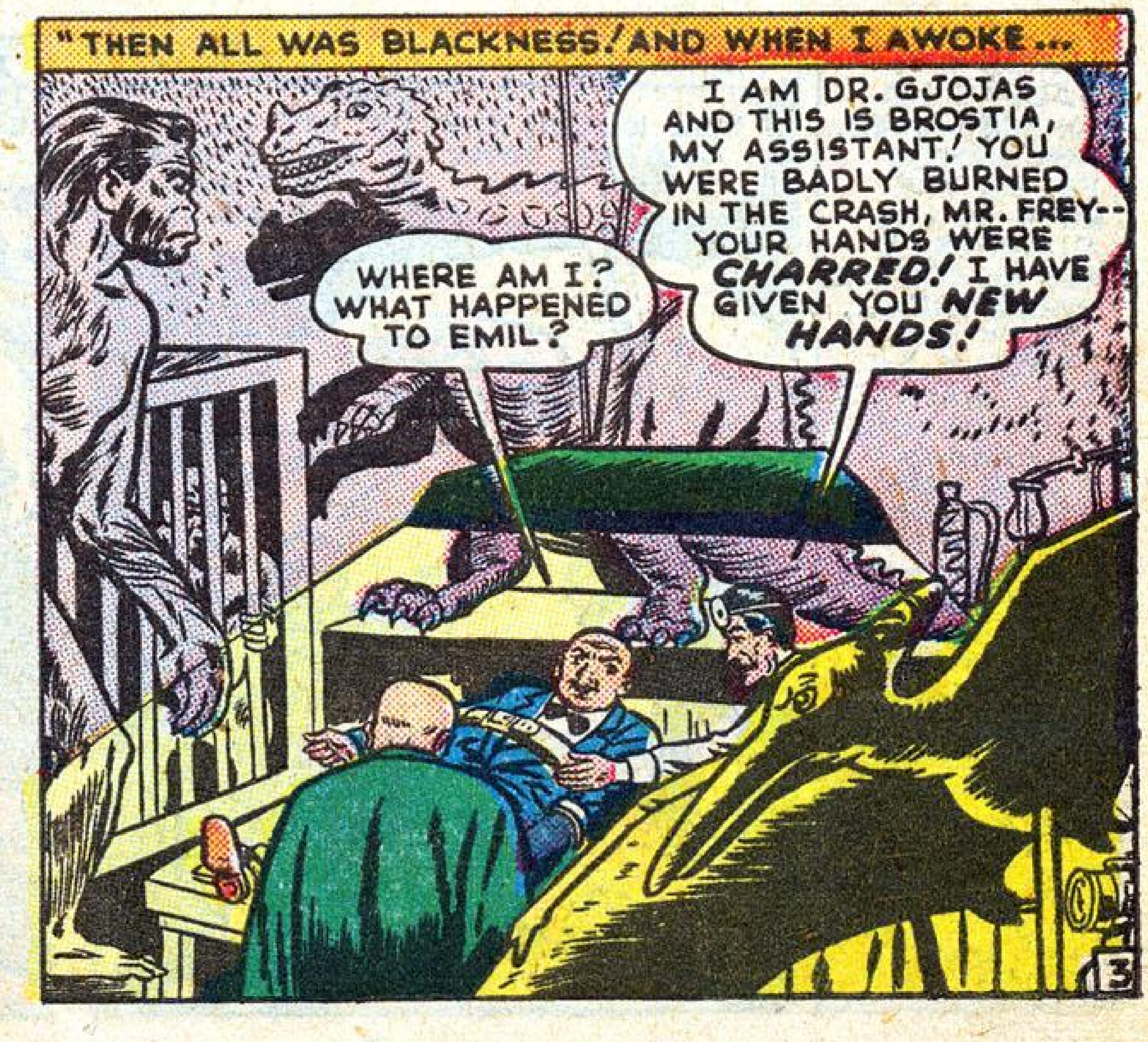
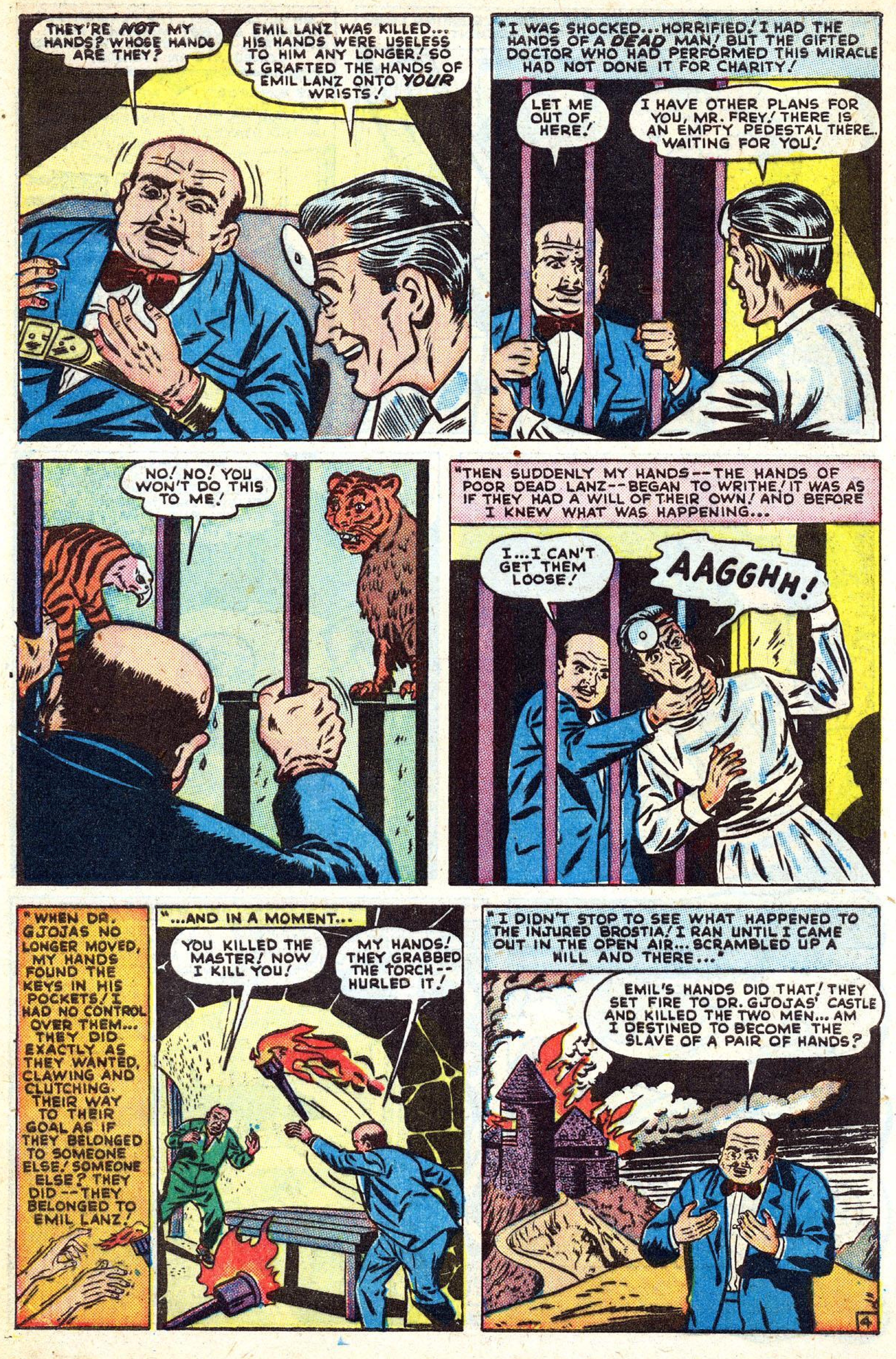

...UNTIL ONE DAY, THE FLAMBOYANT PAINTER'S CHUBBY MANAGER, MEEK OTTO FREY, REPORTED AT THE AMERICA CONSULATE IN FRANCE!
MY PASSPORT, SIR! I WANT TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES!
WE WILL HAVE TO CHECK YOUR FINGERPRINTS... A ROUTINE PRECAUTION, OF COURSE!

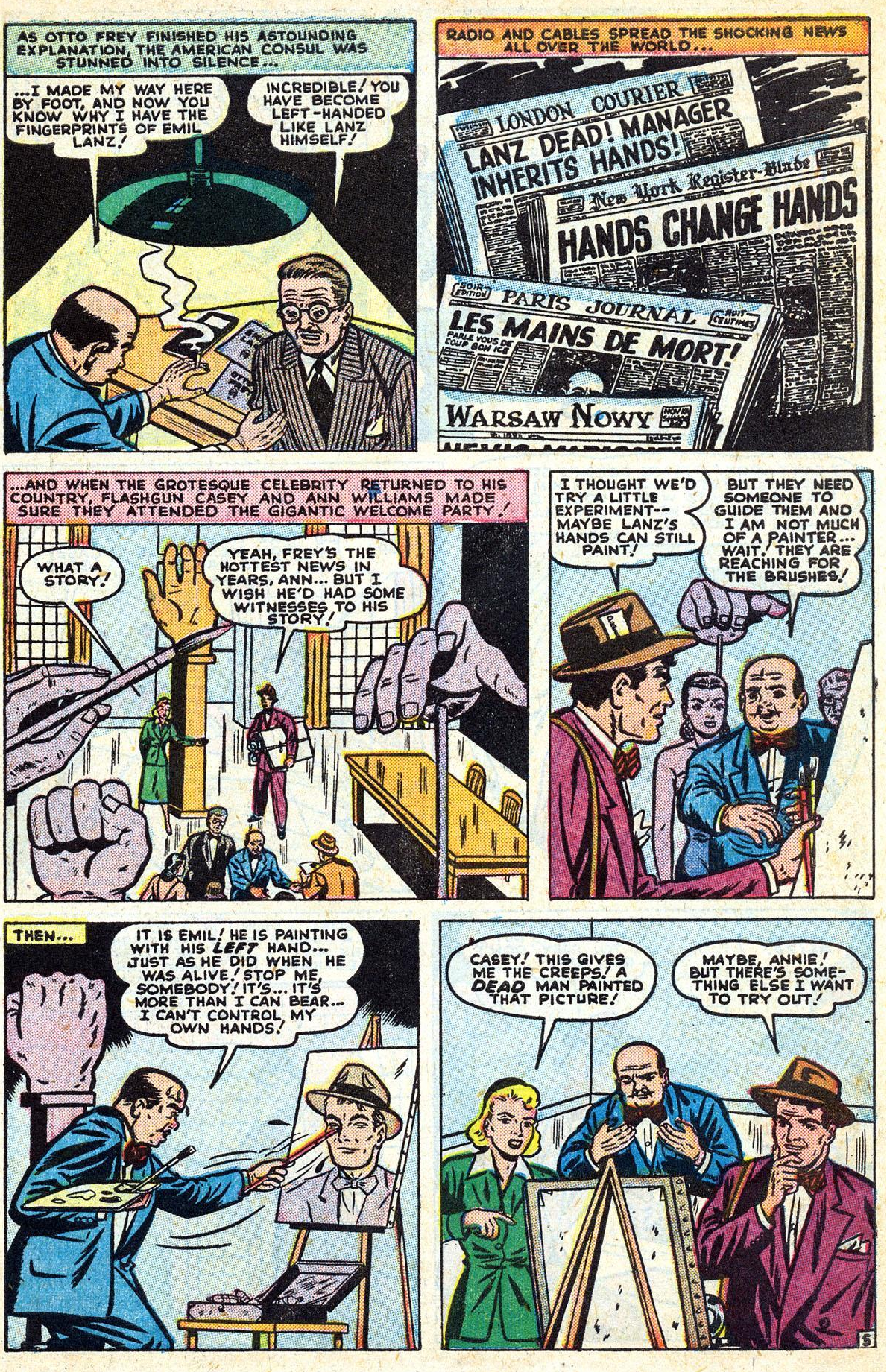

BUT WHEN FREY'S FINGERPRINTS WERE TAKEN...
AMAZING! THE MAN IS OTTO FREY...
...BUT HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE EMIL LANZ'S!


HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT, MR. FREY? WHERE IS LANZ?
DEAD, MR. CONSUL! AND MY HANDS--I HARDLY KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU! YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE INCREDIBLE STORY, BUT IT HAPPENED THIS WAY...


"...EMIL LANZ AND I WERE FLYING ACROSS A LITTLE BALKAN COUNTRY! WE HAD AN EXHIBIT TO GIVE! BUT SUDDENLY...
EMIL! WE'VE CRASHED INTO A MOUNTAIN!
CRASH!


"THEN ALL WAS BLACKNESS! AND WHEN I AWOKE...
I AM DR. GJOJAS AND THIS IS BROSTIA, MY ASSISTANT! YOU WERE BADLY BURNED IN THE CRASH, MR. FREY--YOUR HANDS WERE CHARRED! I HAVE GIVEN YOU NEW HANDS!
WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED TO EMIL?


THEY'RE *NOT* MY HANDS? WHOSE HANDS ARE THEY?
EMIL LANZ WAS KILLED... HIS HANDS WERE USELESS TO HIM ANY LONGER! SO I GRAFTED THE HANDS OF EMIL LANZ ONTO *YOUR* WRISTS!
"I WAS SHOCKED... HORRIFIED! I HAD THE HANDS OF A *DEAD* MAN! BUT THE GIFTED DOCTOR WHO HAD PERFORMED THIS MIRACLE HAD NOT DONE IT FOR CHARITY!
LET ME OUT OF HERE!
I HAVE OTHER PLANS FOR YOU, MR. FREY! THERE IS AN EMPTY PEDESTAL THERE.. WAITING FOR YOU!
NO! NO! YOU WON'T DO THIS TO ME!
"THEN SUDDENLY MY HANDS--THE HANDS OF POOR DEAD LANZ--BEGAN TO WRITHE! IT WAS AS IF THEY HAD A WILL OF THEIR OWN! AND BEFORE I KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING...
I...I CAN'T GET THEM LOOSE!
AAGGHH!
"WHEN DR. GJOJAS NO LONGER MOVED, MY HANDS FOUND THE KEYS IN HIS POCKETS! I HAD NO CONTROL OVER THEM... THEY DID EXACTLY AS THEY WANTED, CLAWING AND CLUTCHING THEIR WAY TO THEIR GOAL AS IF THEY BELONGED TO SOMEONE ELSE! SOMEONE ELSE? THEY DID--THEY BELONGED TO EMIL LANZ!
"...AND IN A MOMENT...
YOU KILLED THE MASTER! NOW I KILL YOU!
MY HANDS! THEY GRABBED THE TORCH--HURLED IT!
"I DIDN'T STOP TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE INJURED BROSTIA! I RAN UNTIL I CAME OUT IN THE OPEN AIR... SCRAMBLED UP A HILL AND THERE..."
EMIL'S HANDS DID THAT! THEY SET FIRE TO DR. GJOJAS' CASTLE AND KILLED THE TWO MEN... AM I DESTINED TO BECOME THE SLAVE OF A PAIR OF HANDS?


AS OTTO FREY FINISHED HIS ASTOUNDING EXPLANATION, THE AMERICAN CONSUL WAS STUNNED INTO SILENCE...
...I MADE MY WAY HERE BY FOOT, AND NOW YOU KNOW WHY I HAVE THE FINGERPRINTS OF EMIL LANZ!
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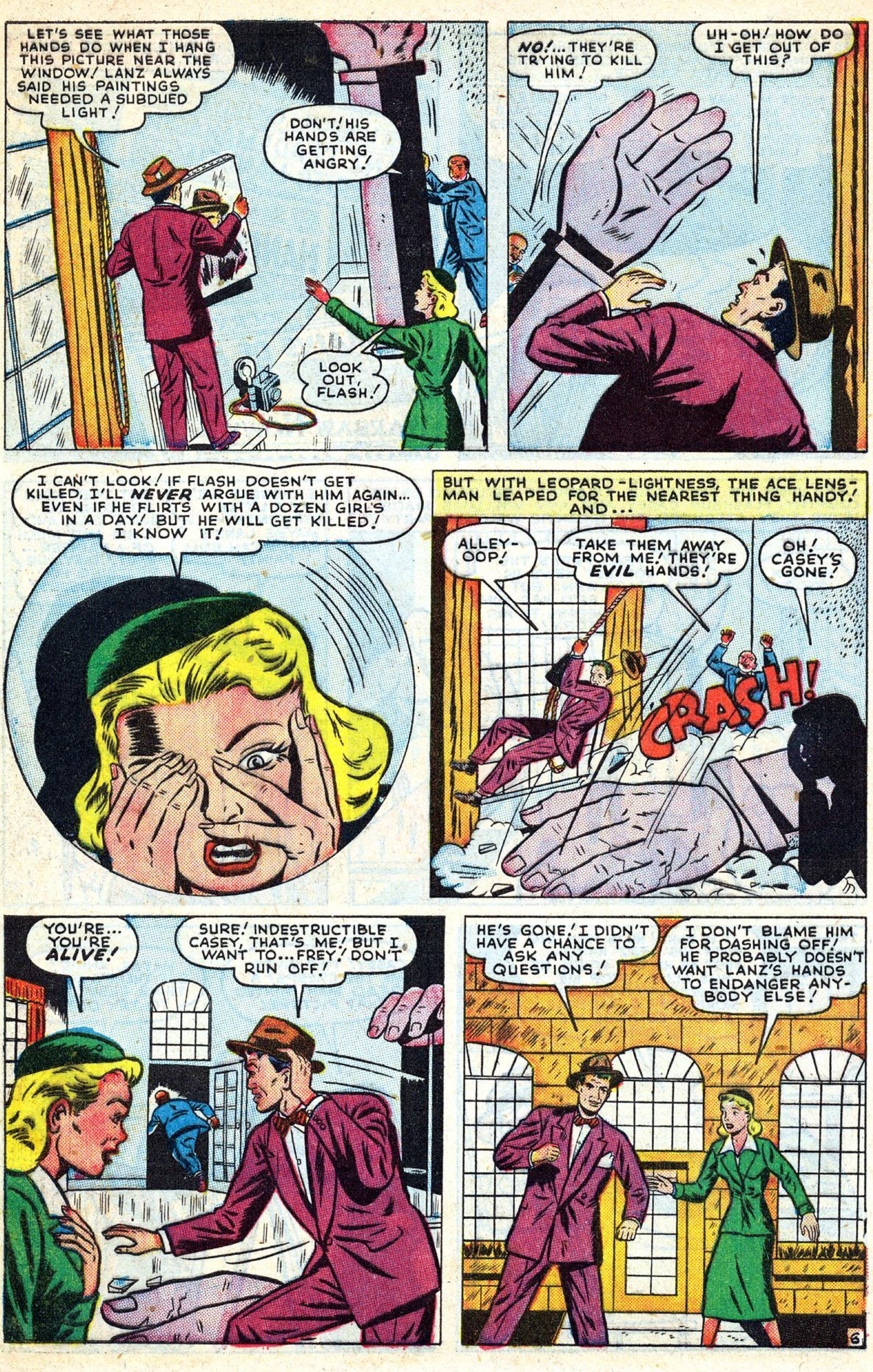
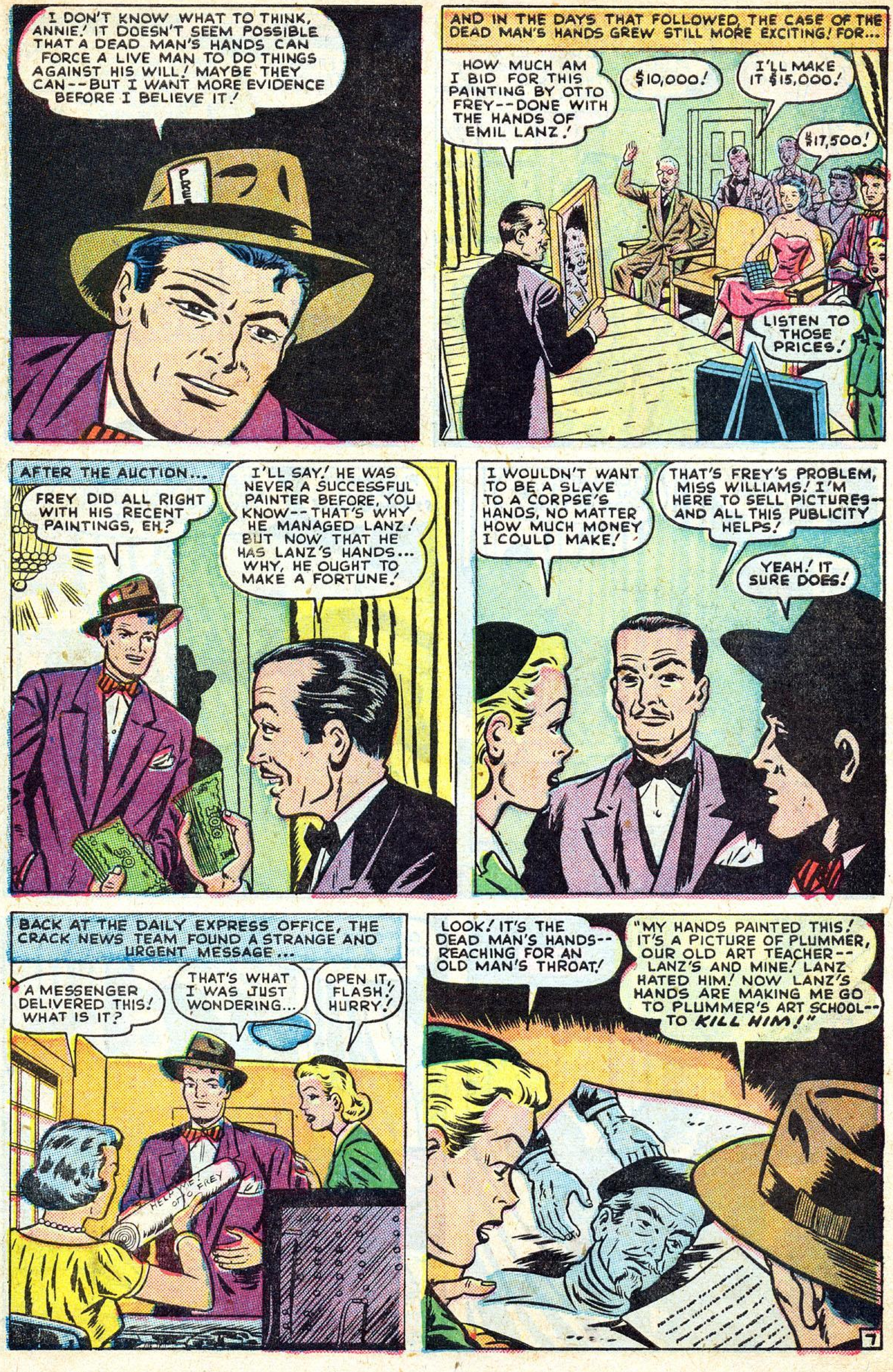
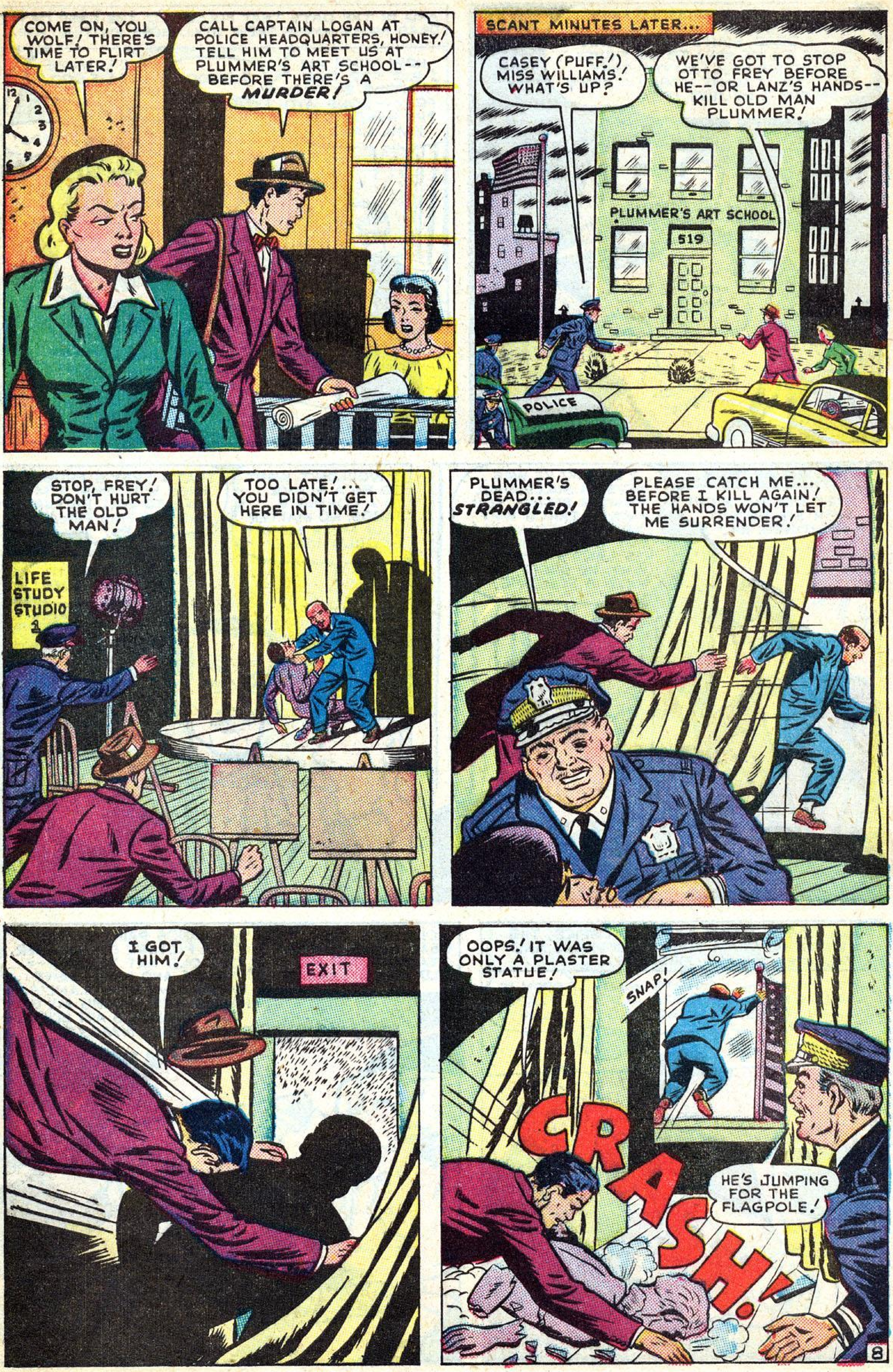
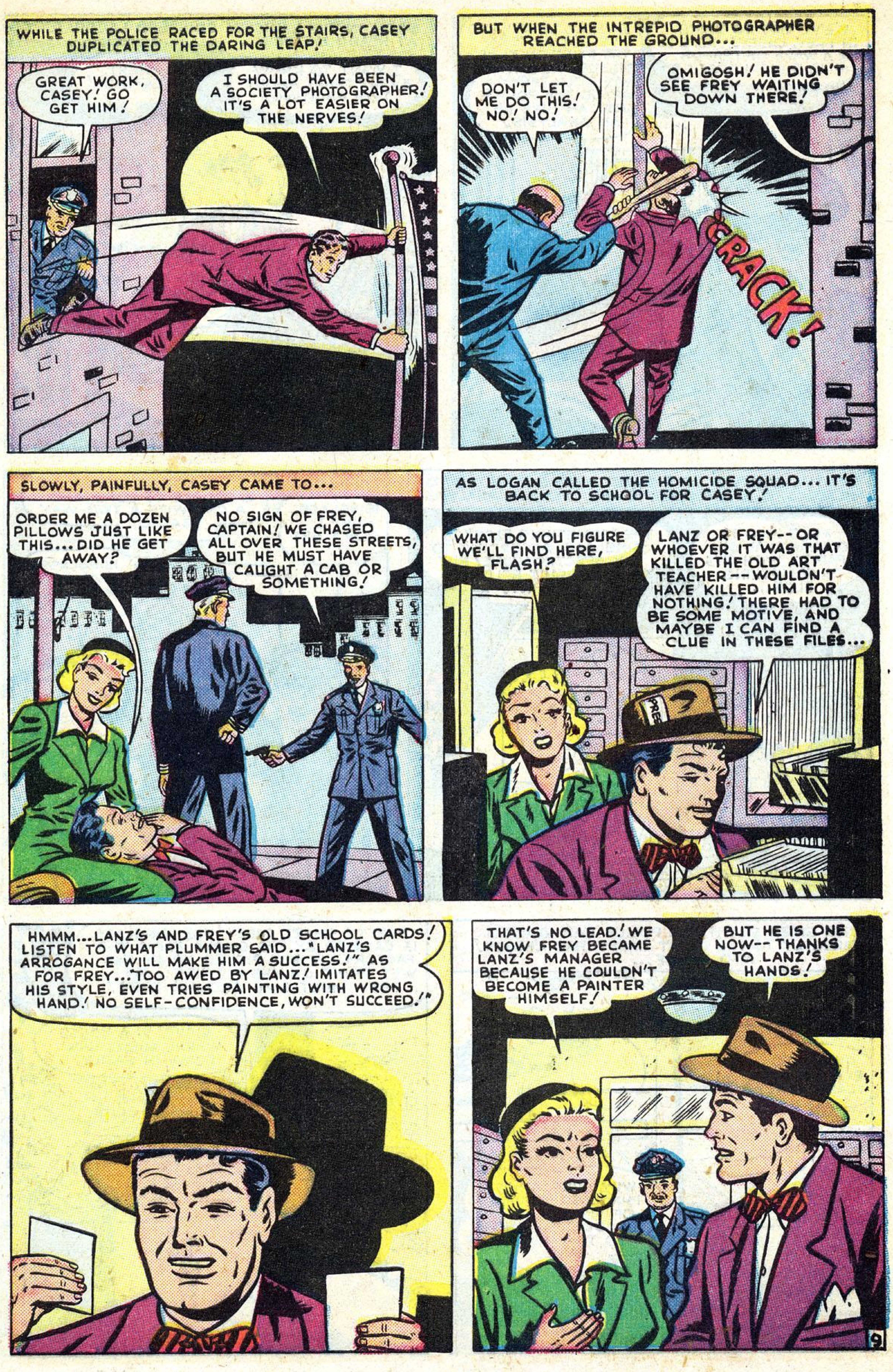
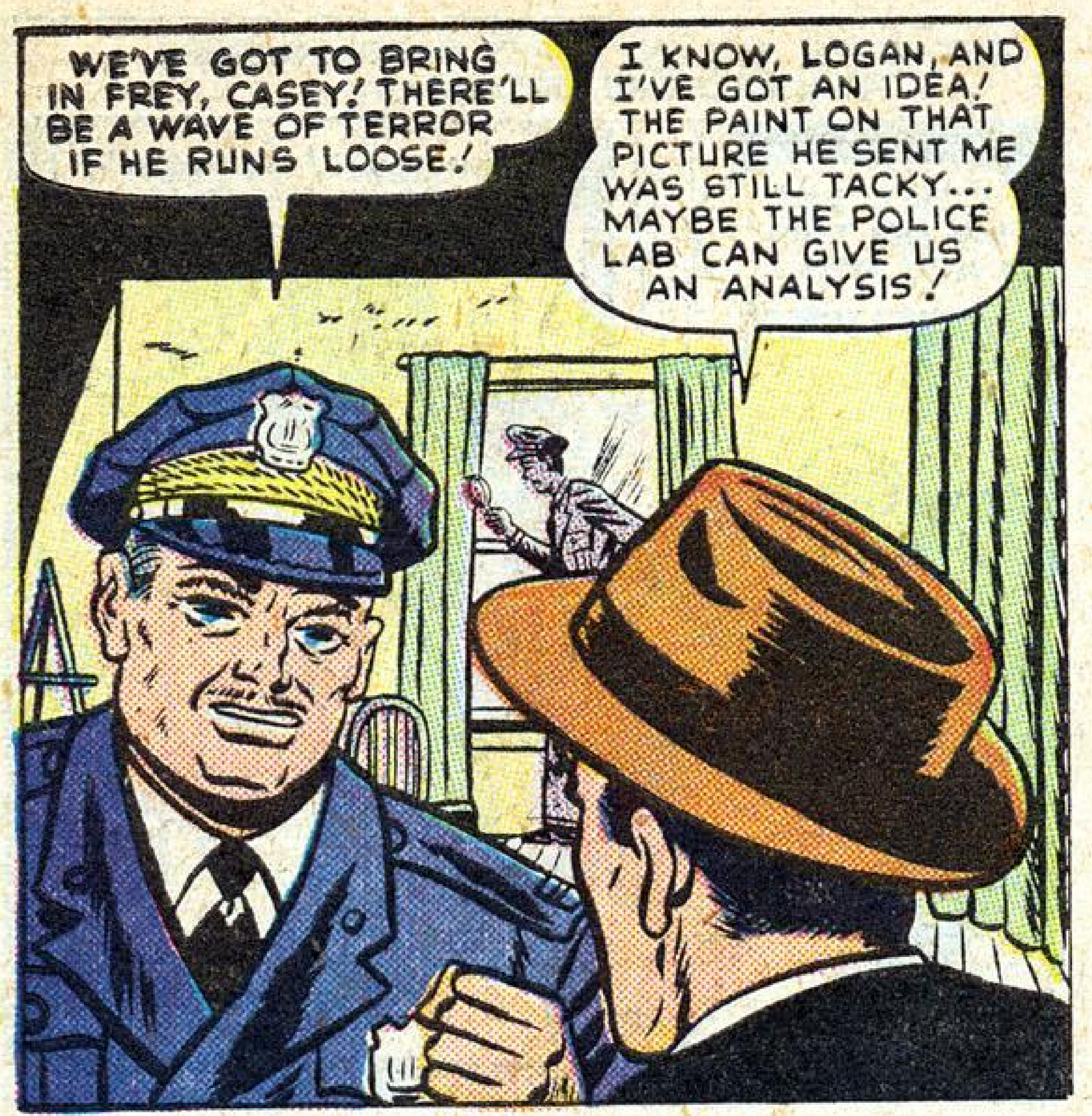
WARSAW NOWY
...AND WHEN THE GROTESQUE CELEBRITY RETURNED TO HIS COUNTRY, FLASHGUN CASEY AND ANN WILLIAMS MADE SURE THEY ATTENDED THE GIGANTIC WELCOME PARTY!
WHAT A STORY!
YEAH, FREY'S THE HOTTEST NEWS IN YEARS, ANN... BUT I WISH HE'D HAD SOME WITNESSES TO HIS STORY!
I THOUGHT WE'D TRY A LITTLE EXPERIMENT-- MAYBE LANZ'S HANDS CAN STILL PAINT!
BUT THEY NEED SOMEONE TO GUIDE THEM AND I AM NOT MUCH OF A PAINTER... WAIT, THEY ARE REACHING FOR THE BRUSHES!
THEN...
IT IS EMIL! HE IS PAINTING WITH HIS *LEFT* HAND... JUST AS HE DID WHEN HE WAS ALIVE! STOP ME, SOMEBODY! IT'S... IT'S MORE THAN I CAN BEAR... I CAN'T CONTROL MY OWN HANDS!
CASEY! THIS GIVES ME THE CREEPS! A *DEAD* MAN PAINTED THAT PICTURE!
MAYBE, ANNIE! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT TO TRY OUT!

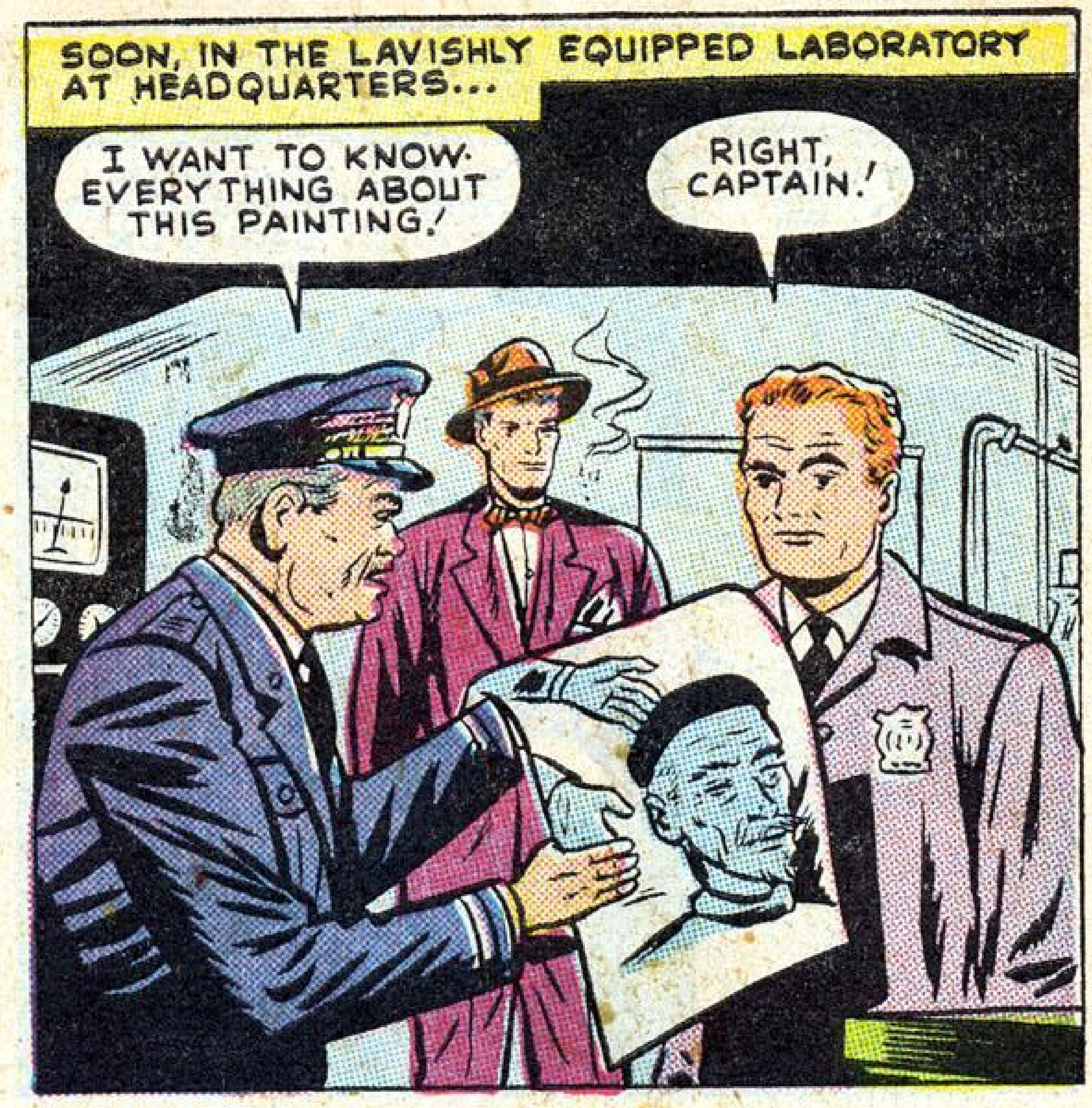

LET'S SEE WHAT THOSE HANDS DO WHEN I HANG THIS PICTURE NEAR THE WINDOW! LANZ ALWAYS SAID HIS PAINTINGS NEEDED A SUBDUED LIGHT!
DON'T! HIS HANDS ARE GETTING ANGRY!
LOOK OUT, FLASH!
NO!... THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL HIM!
UH-OH! HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS?
I CAN'T LOOK! IF FLASH DOESN'T GET KILLED, I'LL NEVER ARGUE WITH HIM AGAIN... EVEN IF HE FLIRTS WITH A DOZEN GIRLS IN A DAY! BUT HE WILL GET KILLED! I KNOW IT!
BUT WITH LEOPARD-LIGHTNESS, THE ACE LENSMAN LEAPED FOR THE NEAREST THING HANDY! AND...
ALLEY-OOP!
TAKE THEM AWAY FROM ME! THEY'RE EVIL HANDS!
OH! CASEY'S GONE!
CRASH!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE ALIVE!
SURE! INDESTRUCTIBLE CASEY, THAT'S ME! BUT I WANT TO... FREY! DON'T RUN OFF!
HE'S GONE! I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS!
I DON'T BLAME HIM FOR DASHING OFF! HE PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT LANZ'S HANDS TO ENDANGER ANYBODY ELSE!

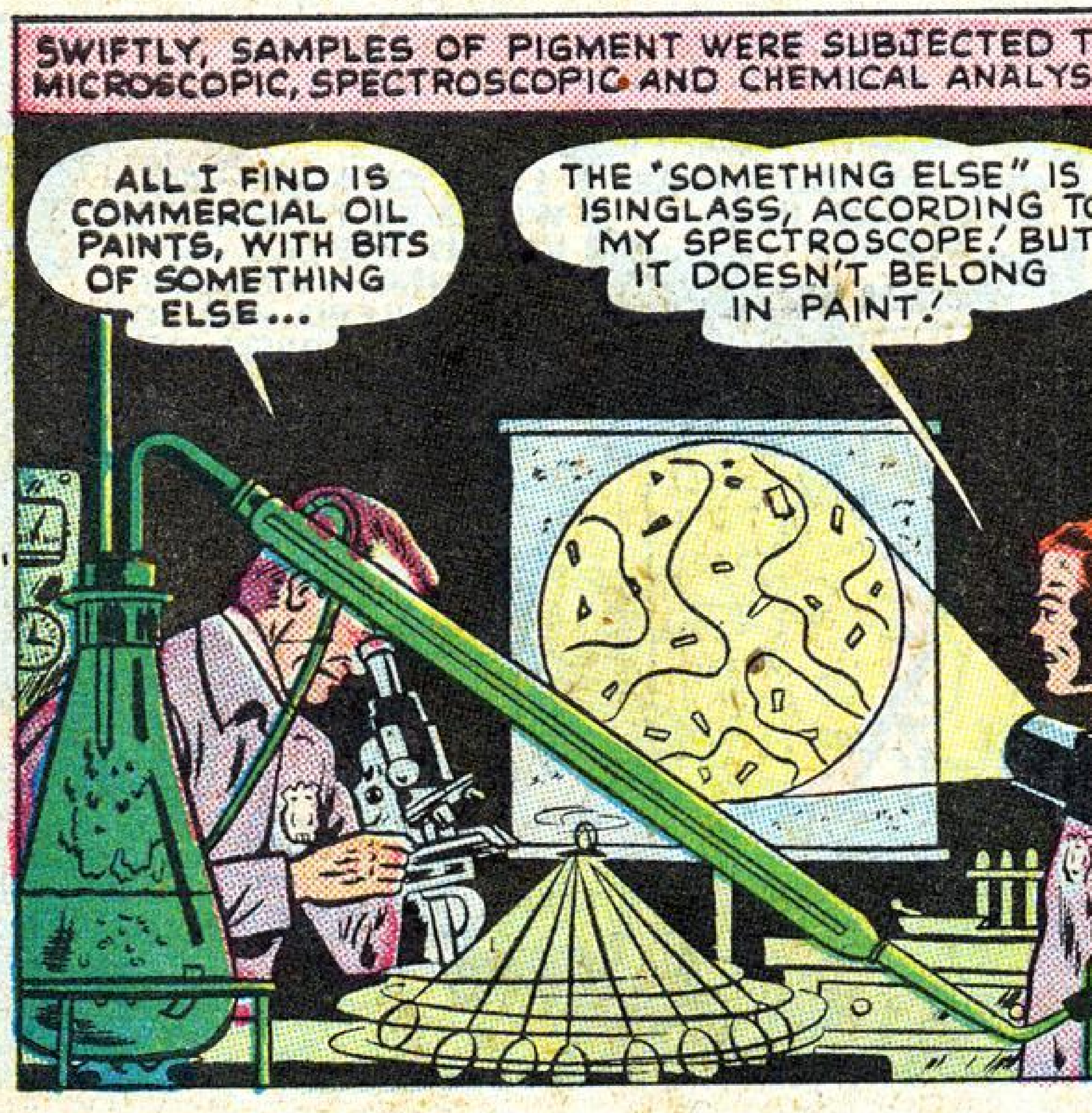

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK, ANNIE! IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE THAT A DEAD MAN'S HANDS CAN FORCE A LIVE MAN TO DO THINGS AGAINST HIS WILL! MAYBE THEY CAN--BUT I WANT MORE EVIDENCE BEFORE I BELIEVE IT!
PRES
AND IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, THE CASE OF THE DEAD MAN'S HANDS GREW STILL MORE EXCITING! FOR...
HOW MUCH AM I BID FOR THIS PAINTING BY OTTO FREY--DONE WITH THE HANDS OF EMIL LANZ!
$10,000!
I'LL MAKE IT $15,000!
$17,500!
LISTEN TO THOSE PRICES!
AFTER THE AUCTION...
FREY DID ALL RIGHT WITH HIS RECENT PAINTINGS, EH?
I'LL SAY! HE WAS NEVER A SUCCESSFUL PAINTER BEFORE, YOU KNOW--THAT'S WHY HE MANAGED LANZ! BUT NOW THAT HE HAS LANZ'S HANDS... WHY, HE OUGHT TO MAKE A FORTUNE!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A SLAVE TO A CORPSE'S HANDS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY I COULD MAKE!
THAT'S FREY'S PROBLEM, MISS WILLIAMS! I'M HERE TO SELL PICTURES--AND ALL THIS PUBLICITY HELPS!
YEAH! IT SURE DOES!
BACK AT THE DAILY EXPRESS OFFICE, THE CRACK NEWS TEAM FOUND A STRANGE AND URGENT MESSAGE...
A MESSENGER DELIVERED THIS! WHAT IS IT?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST WONDERING...
OPEN IT, FLASH! HURRY!
HELP ME! OTTO FREY
LOOK! IT'S THE DEAD MAN'S HANDS--REACHING FOR AN OLD MAN'S THROAT!
"MY HANDS PAINTED THIS! IT'S A PICTURE OF PLUMMER, OUR OLD ART TEACHER--LANZ'S AND MINE! LANZ HATED HIM! NOW LANZ'S HANDS ARE MAKING ME GO TO PLUMMER'S ART SCHOOL--TO ***KILL HIM!***"

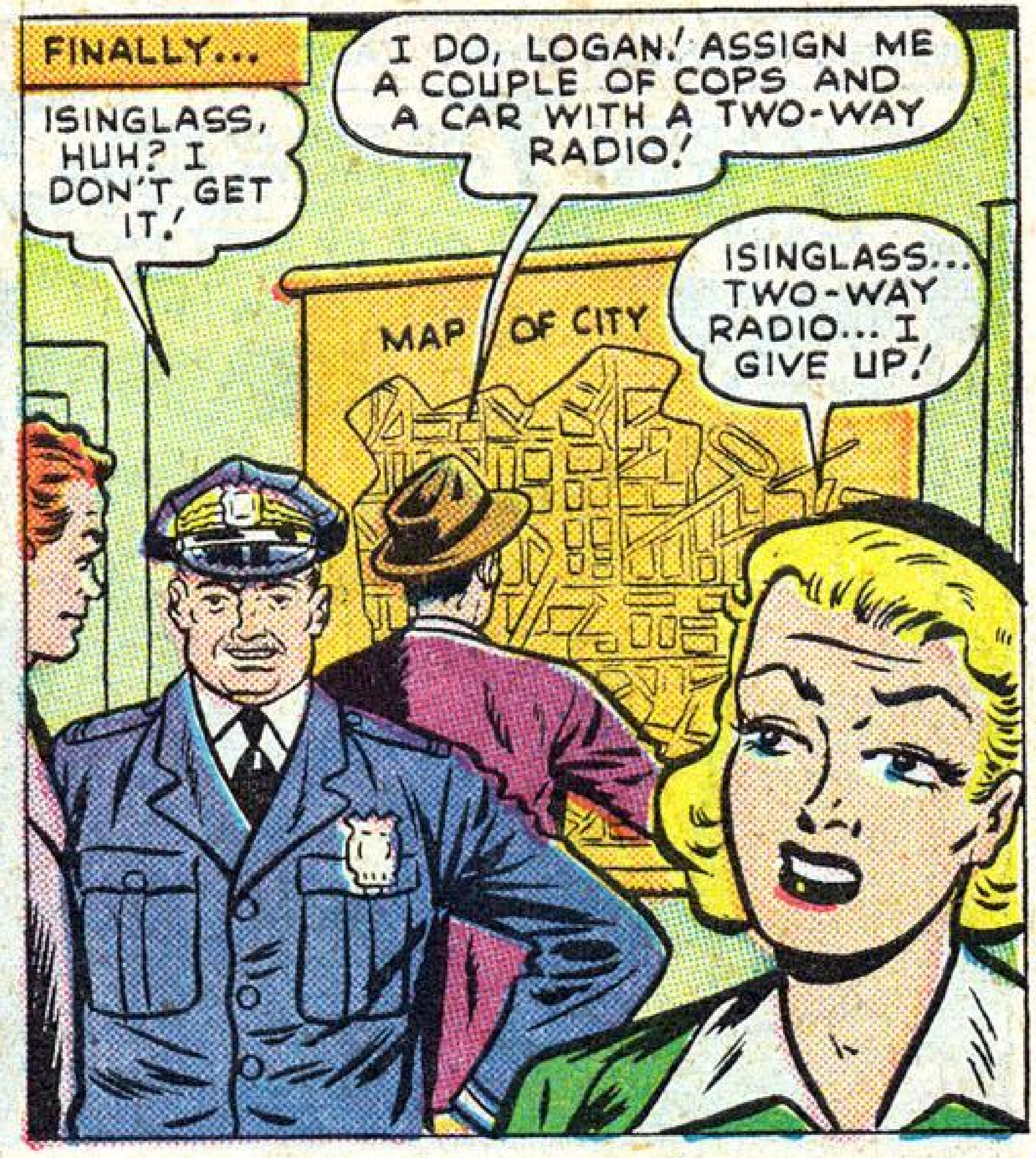

COME ON, YOU WOLF! THERE'S TIME TO FLIRT LATER!
CALL CAPTAIN LOGAN AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, HONEY! TELL HIM TO MEET US AT PLUMMER'S ART SCHOOL-- BEFORE THERE'S A **MURDER!**
SCANT MINUTES LATER...
CASEY (PUFF!) MISS WILLIAMS! WHAT'S UP?
WE'VE GOT TO STOP OTTO FREY BEFORE HE--OR LANZ'S HANDS-- KILL OLD MAN PLUMMER!
PLUMMER'S ART SCHOOL
519
POLICE
STOP, FREY! DON'T HURT THE OLD MAN!
TOO LATE!... YOU DIDN'T GET HERE IN TIME!
LIFE STUDY STUDIO 1
PLUMMER'S DEAD... **STRANGLED!**
PLEASE CATCH ME... BEFORE I KILL AGAIN! THE HANDS WON'T LET ME SURRENDER!
I GOT HIM!
EXIT
OOPS! IT WAS ONLY A PLASTER STATUE!
SNAP!
CRASH!
HE'S JUMPING FOR THE FLAGPOLE!

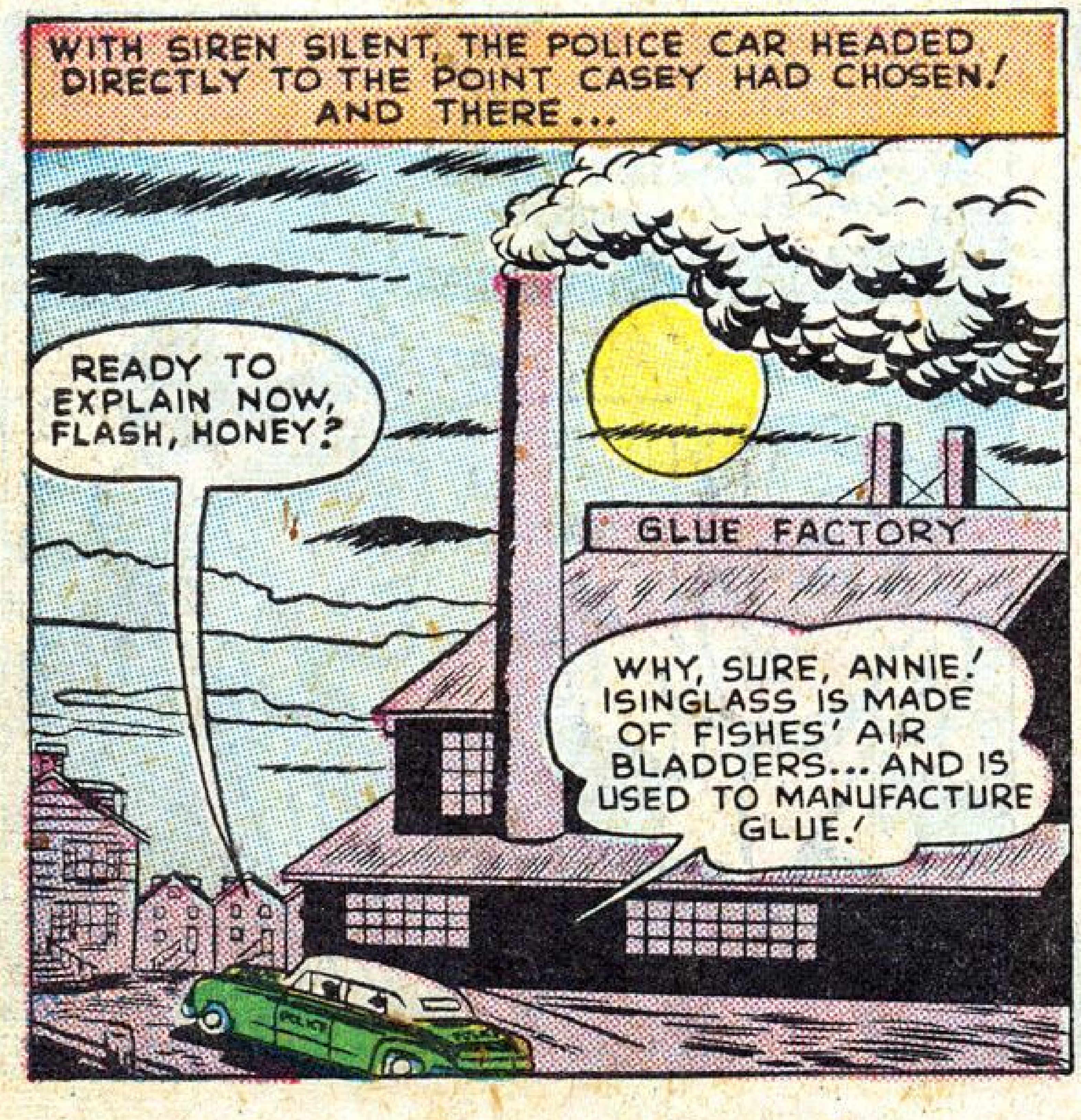

WHILE THE POLICE RACED FOR THE STAIRS, CASEY DUPLICATED THE DARING LEAP!
GREAT WORK, CASEY! GO GET HIM!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHER! IT'S A LOT EASIER ON THE NERVES!
BUT WHEN THE INTREPID PHOTOGRAPHER REACHED THE GROUND...
DON'T LET ME DO THIS! NO! NO!
OMIGOSH! HE DIDN'T SEE FREY WAITING DOWN THERE!
CRACK!
SLOWLY, PAINFULLY, CASEY CAME TO...
ORDER ME A DOZEN PILLOWS JUST LIKE THIS... DID HE GET AWAY?
NO SIGN OF FREY, CAPTAIN! WE CHASED ALL OVER THESE STREETS, BUT HE MUST HAVE CAUGHT A CAB OR SOMETHING!
AS LOGAN CALLED THE HOMICIDE SQUAD... IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR CASEY!
WHAT DO YOU FIGURE WE'LL FIND HERE, FLASH?
LANZ OR FREY-- OR WHOEVER IT WAS THAT KILLED THE OLD ART TEACHER -- WOULDN'T HAVE KILLED HIM FOR NOTHING! THERE HAD TO BE SOME MOTIVE, AND MAYBE I CAN FIND A CLUE IN THESE FILES...
PRESS
HMMM... LANZ'S AND FREY'S OLD SCHOOL CARDS! LISTEN TO WHAT PLUMMER SAID... "LANZ'S ARROGANCE WILL MAKE HIM A SUCCESS!" AS FOR FREY... "TOO AWED BY LANZ! IMITATES HIS STYLE, EVEN TRIES PAINTING WITH WRONG HAND! NO SELF-CONFIDENCE, WON'T SUCCEED!"
THAT'S NO LEAD! WE KNOW FREY BECAME LANZ'S MANAGER BECAUSE HE COULDN'T BECOME A PAINTER HIMSELF!
BUT HE IS ONE NOW-- THANKS TO LANZ'S HANDS!

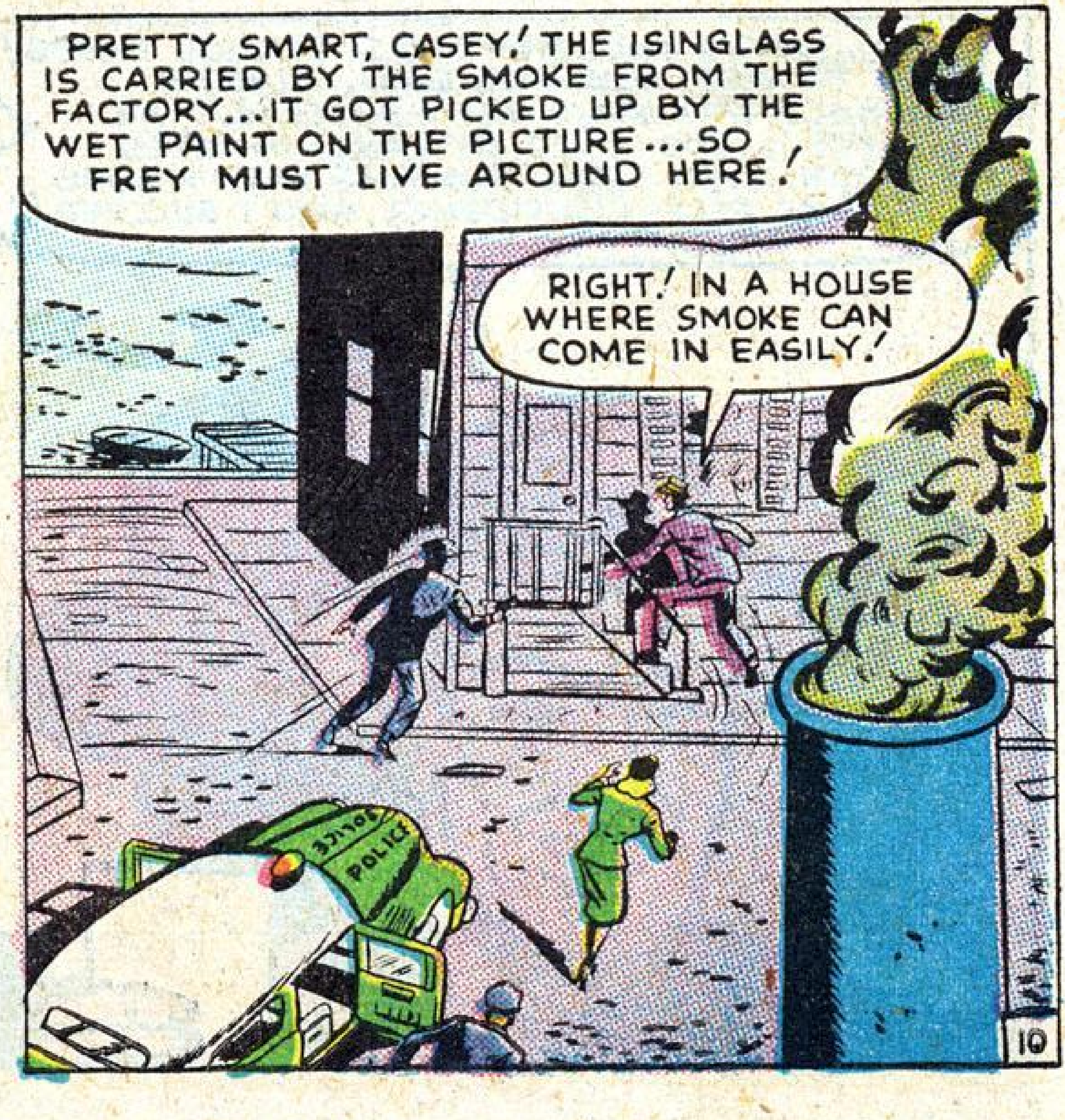

WE'VE GOT TO BRING IN FREY, CASEY! THERE'LL BE A WAVE OF TERROR IF HE RUNS LOOSE!
I KNOW, LOGAN, AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA! THE PAINT ON THAT PICTURE HE SENT ME WAS STILL TACKY... MAYBE THE POLICE LAB CAN GIVE US AN ANALYSIS!

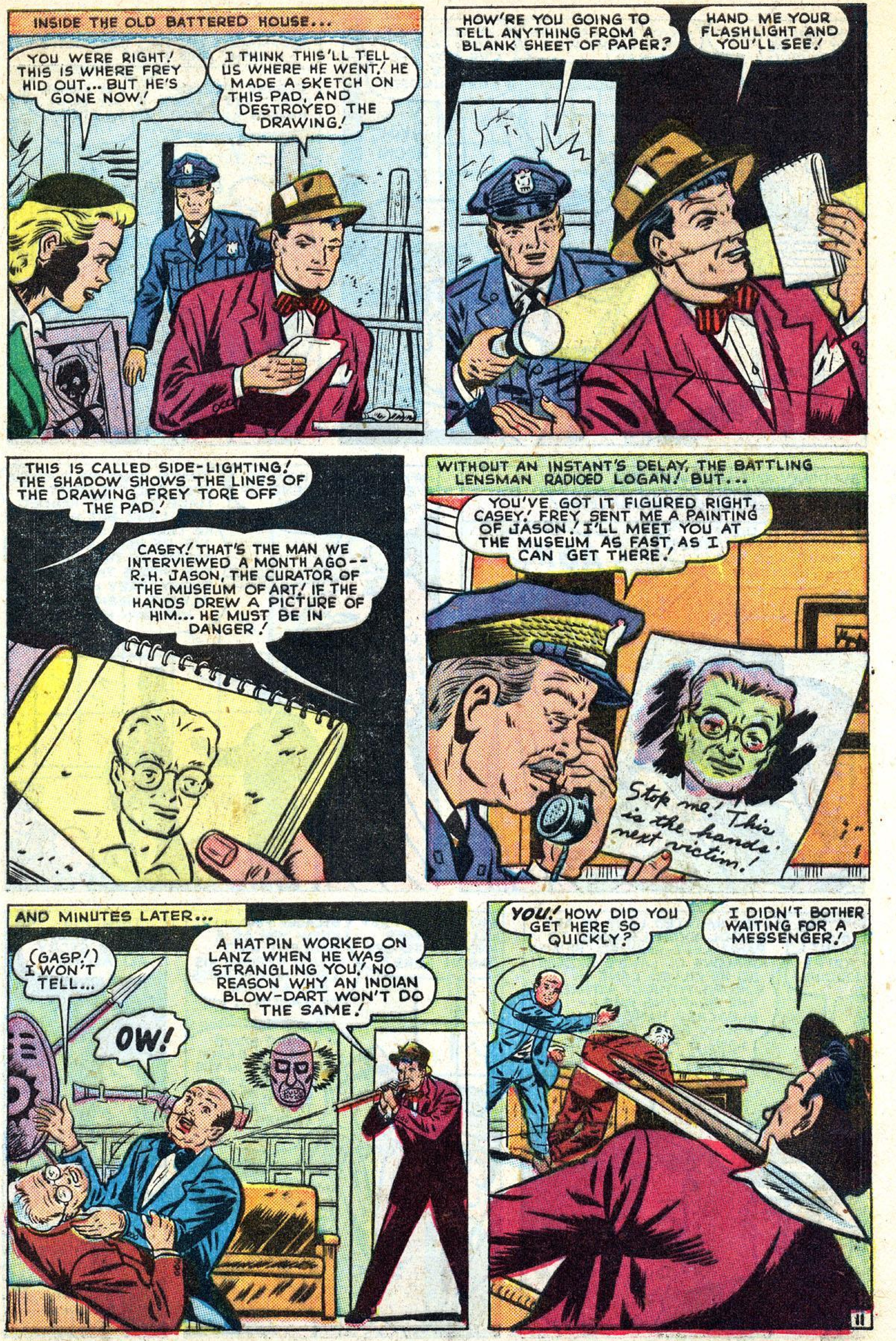

SOON, IN THE LAVISHLY EQUIPPED LABORATORY AT HEADQUARTERS...
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS PAINTING!
RIGHT, CAPTAIN!

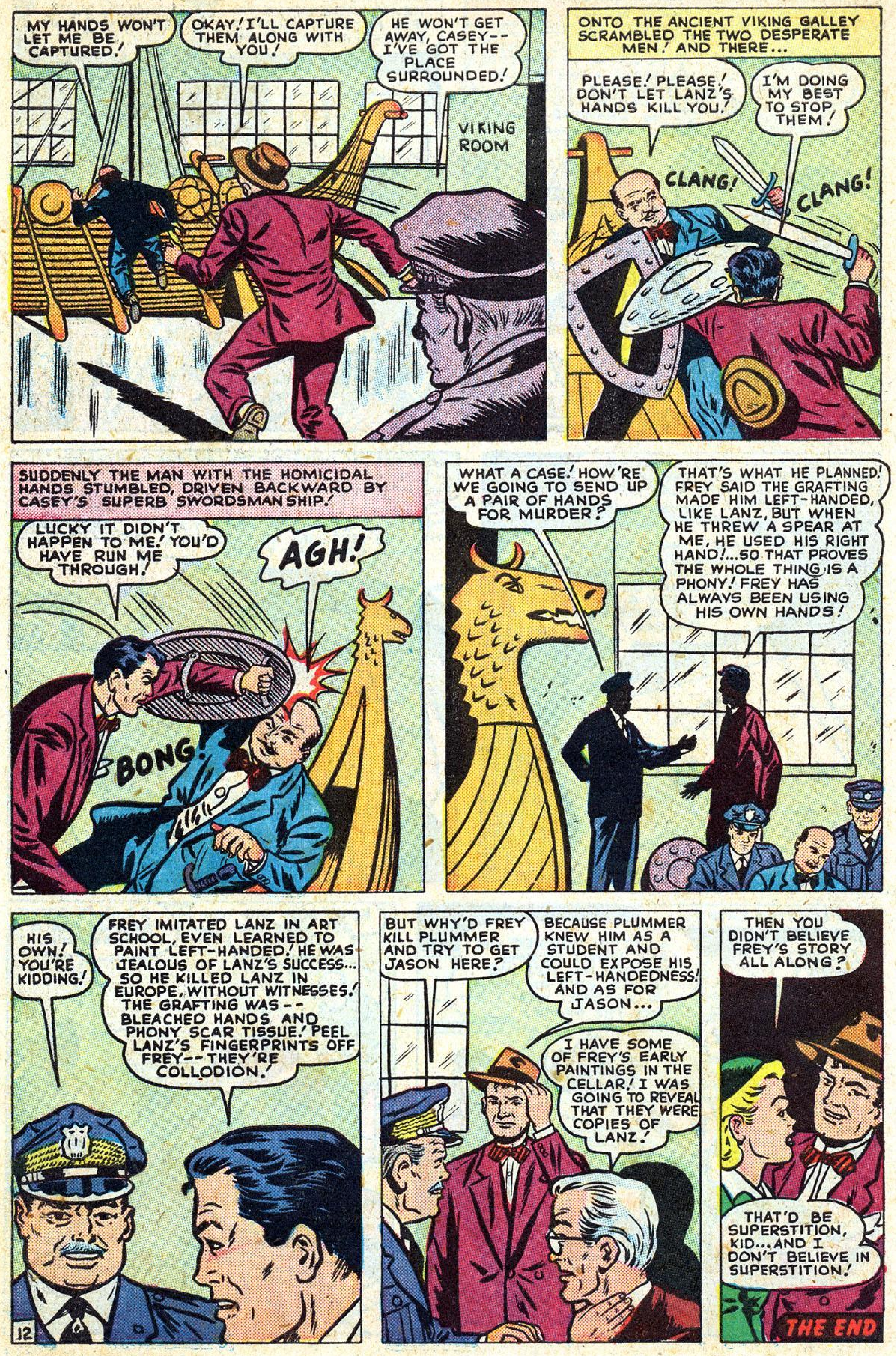

SWIFTLY, SAMPLES OF PIGMENT WERE SUBJECTED TO MICROSCOPIC, SPECTROSCOPIC AND CHEMICAL ANALYSIS!
ALL I FIND IS COMMERCIAL OIL PAINTS, WITH BITS OF SOMETHING ELSE...
THE "SOMETHING ELSE" IS ISINGLASS, ACCORDING TO MY SPECTROSCOPE! BUT IT DOESN'T BELONG IN PAINT!


FINALLY...
ISINGLASS, HUH? I DON'T GET IT!
I DO, LOGAN! ASSIGN ME A COUPLE OF COPS AND A CAR WITH A TWO-WAY RADIO!
MAP OF CITY
ISINGLASS... TWO-WAY RADIO... I GIVE UP!


WITH SIREN SILENT, THE POLICE CAR HEADED DIRECTLY TO THE POINT CASEY HAD CHOSEN! AND THERE...
READY TO EXPLAIN NOW, FLASH, HONEY?
GLUE FACTORY
WHY, SURE, ANNIE! ISINGLASS IS MADE OF FISHES' AIR BLADDERS... AND IS USED TO MANUFACTURE GLUE!
POLICE


PRETTY SMART, CASEY! THE ISINGLASS IS CARRIED BY THE SMOKE FROM THE FACTORY... IT GOT PICKED UP BY THE WET PAINT ON THE PICTURE... SO FREY MUST LIVE AROUND HERE!
RIGHT! IN A HOUSE WHERE SMOKE CAN COME IN EASILY!
POLICE


INSIDE THE OLD BATTERED HOUSE...
YOU WERE RIGHT! THIS IS WHERE FREY HID OUT... BUT HE'S GONE NOW!
I THINK THIS'LL TELL US WHERE HE WENT! HE MADE A SKETCH ON THIS PAD, AND DESTROYED THE DRAWING!
HOW'RE YOU GOING TO TELL ANYTHING FROM A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER?
HAND ME YOUR FLASHLIGHT AND YOU'LL SEE!
THIS IS CALLED SIDE-LIGHTING! THE SHADOW SHOWS THE LINES OF THE DRAWING FREY TORE OFF THE PAD!
CASEY! THAT'S THE MAN WE INTERVIEWED A MONTH AGO-- R.H. JASON, THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM OF ART! IF THE HANDS DREW A PICTURE OF HIM... HE MUST BE IN DANGER!
WITHOUT AN INSTANT'S DELAY, THE BATTLING LENSMAN RADIOED LOGAN! BUT...
YOU'VE GOT IT FIGURED RIGHT, CASEY! FREY SENT ME A PAINTING OF JASON! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE MUSEUM AS FAST AS I CAN GET THERE!
Stop me! This is the hands' next victim!
AND MINUTES LATER...
(GASP!) I WON'T TELL...
A HATPIN WORKED ON LANZ WHEN HE WAS STRANGLING YOU! NO REASON WHY AN INDIAN BLOW-DART WON'T DO THE SAME!
OW!
YOU! HOW DID YOU GET HERE SO QUICKLY?
I DIDN'T BOTHER WAITING FOR A MESSENGER!


MY HANDS WON'T LET ME BE CAPTURED!
OKAY! I'LL CAPTURE THEM ALONG WITH YOU!
HE WON'T GET AWAY, CASEY-- I'VE GOT THE PLACE SURROUNDED!
VIKING ROOM
ONTO THE ANCIENT VIKING GALLEY SCRAMBLED THE TWO DESPERATE MEN! AND THERE...
PLEASE! PLEASE! DON'T LET LANZ'S HANDS KILL YOU!
I'M DOING MY BEST TO STOP THEM!
CLANG!
CLANG!
SUDDENLY THE MAN WITH THE HOMICIDAL HANDS STUMBLED, DRIVEN BACKWARD BY CASEY'S SUPERB SWORDSMANSHIP!
LUCKY IT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO ME! YOU'D HAVE RUN ME THROUGH!
AGH!
BONG!
WHAT A CASE! HOW'RE WE GOING TO SEND UP A PAIR OF HANDS FOR MURDER?
THAT'S WHAT HE PLANNED! FREY SAID THE GRAFTING MADE HIM LEFT-HANDED, LIKE LANZ, BUT WHEN HE THREW A SPEAR AT ME, HE USED HIS RIGHT HAND!...SO THAT PROVES THE WHOLE THING IS A PHONY! FREY HAS ALWAYS BEEN USING HIS OWN HANDS!
HIS OWN! YOU'RE KIDDING!
FREY IMITATED LANZ IN ART SCHOOL, EVEN LEARNED TO PAINT LEFT-HANDED! HE WAS JEALOUS OF LANZ'S SUCCESS... SO HE KILLED LANZ IN EUROPE, WITHOUT WITNESSES! THE GRAFTING WAS-- BLEACHED HANDS AND PHONY SCAR TISSUE! PEEL LANZ'S FINGERPRINTS OFF FREY--THEY'RE COLLODION!
BUT WHY'D FREY KILL PLUMMER AND TRY TO GET JASON HERE?
BECAUSE PLUMMER KNEW HIM AS A STUDENT AND COULD EXPOSE HIS LEFT-HANDEDNESS! AND AS FOR JASON...
I HAVE SOME OF FREY'S EARLY PAINTINGS IN THE CELLAR! I WAS GOING TO REVEAL THAT THEY WERE COPIES OF LANZ!
THEN YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE FREY'S STORY ALL ALONG?
THAT'D BE SUPERSTITION, KID...AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN SUPERSTITION!
THE END

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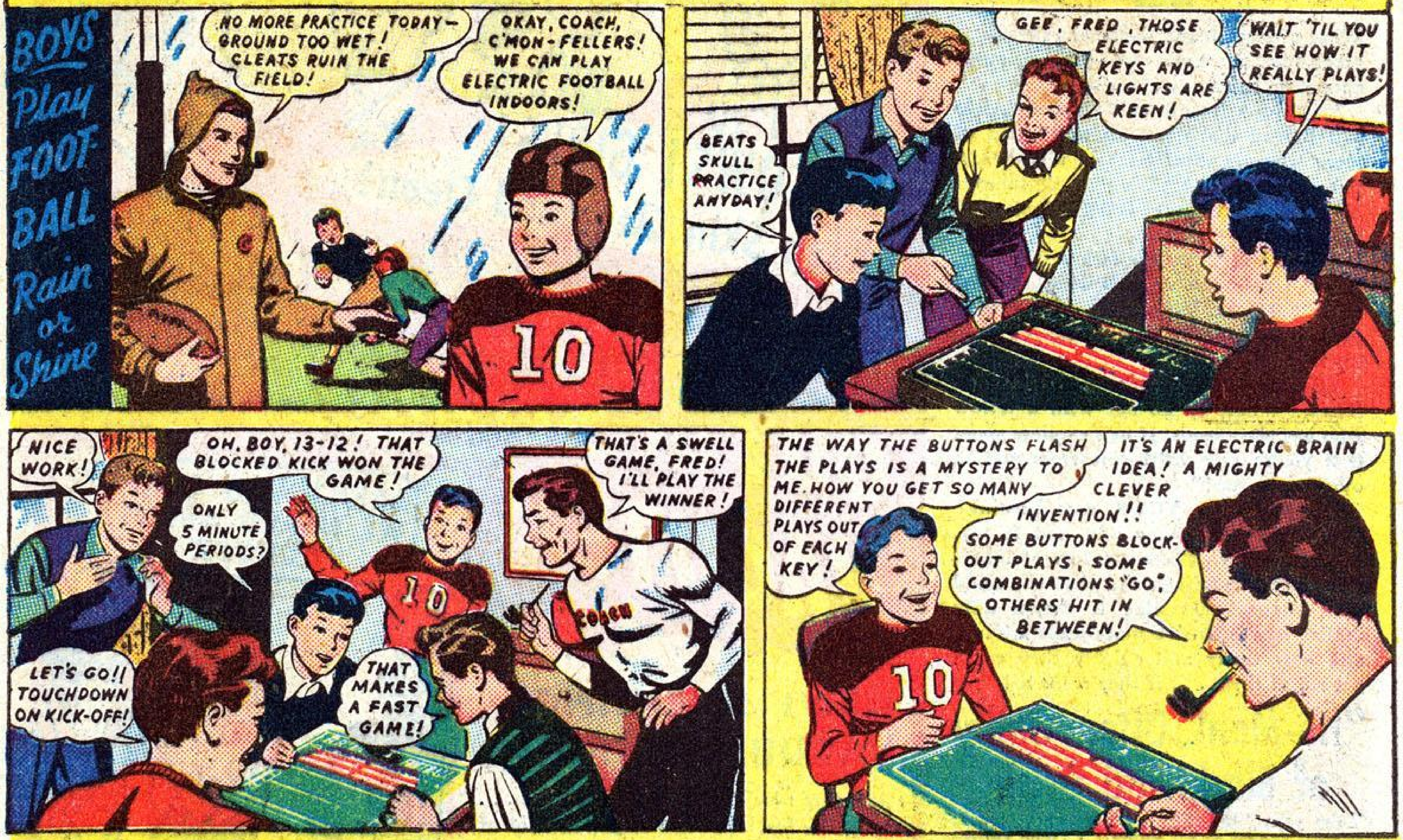
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OKAY, COACH, C'MON—FELLERS! WE CAN PLAY ELECTRIC FOOTBALL INDOORS!
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GEE, FRED, THOSE ELECTRIC KEYS AND LIGHTS ARE KEEN!
WAIT 'TIL YOU SEE HOW IT REALLY PLAYS!
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NICE WORK!
OH, BOY, 13-12! THAT BLOCKED KICK WON THE GAME!
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ONLY 5 MINUTE PERIODS?
LET'S GO!! TOUCHDOWN ON KICK-OFF!
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COACH
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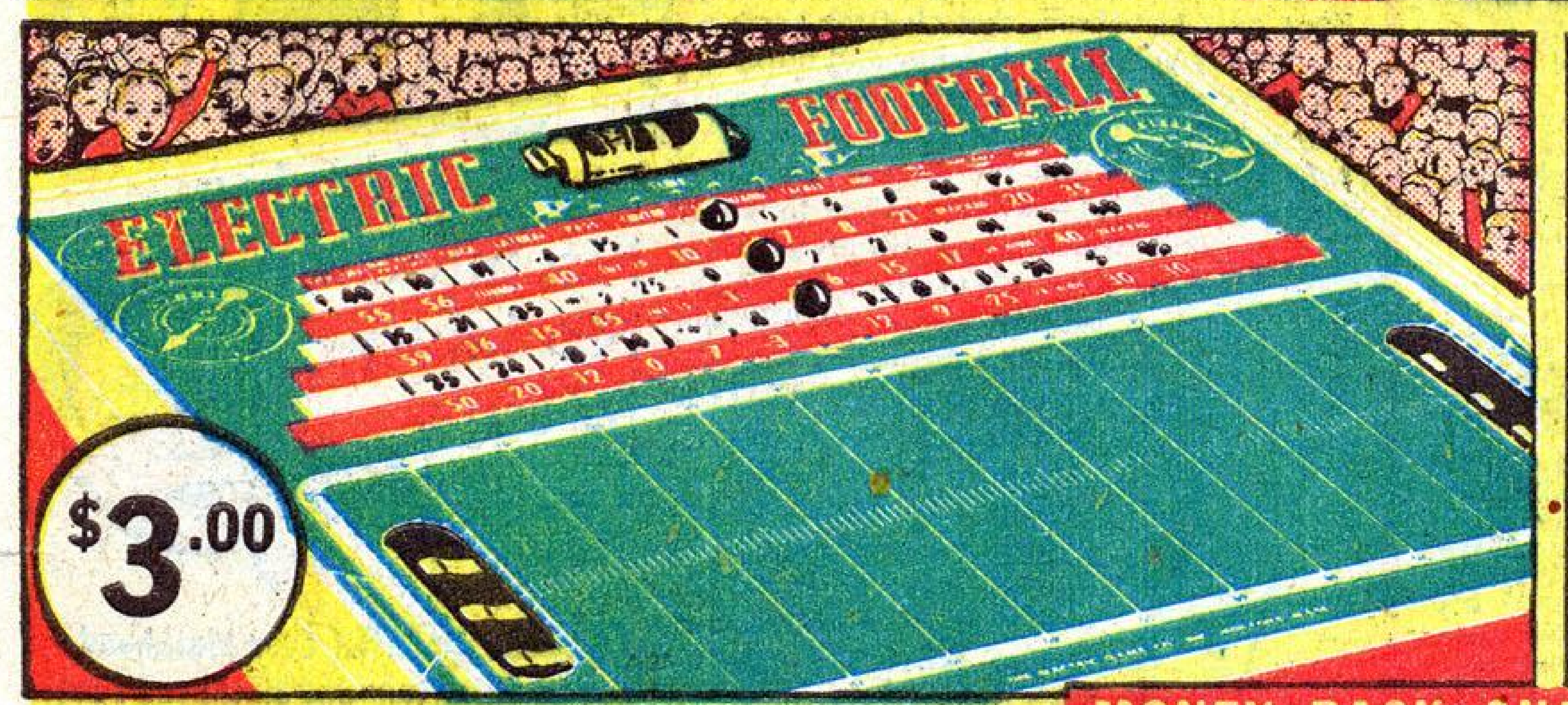
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So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

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Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it — with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

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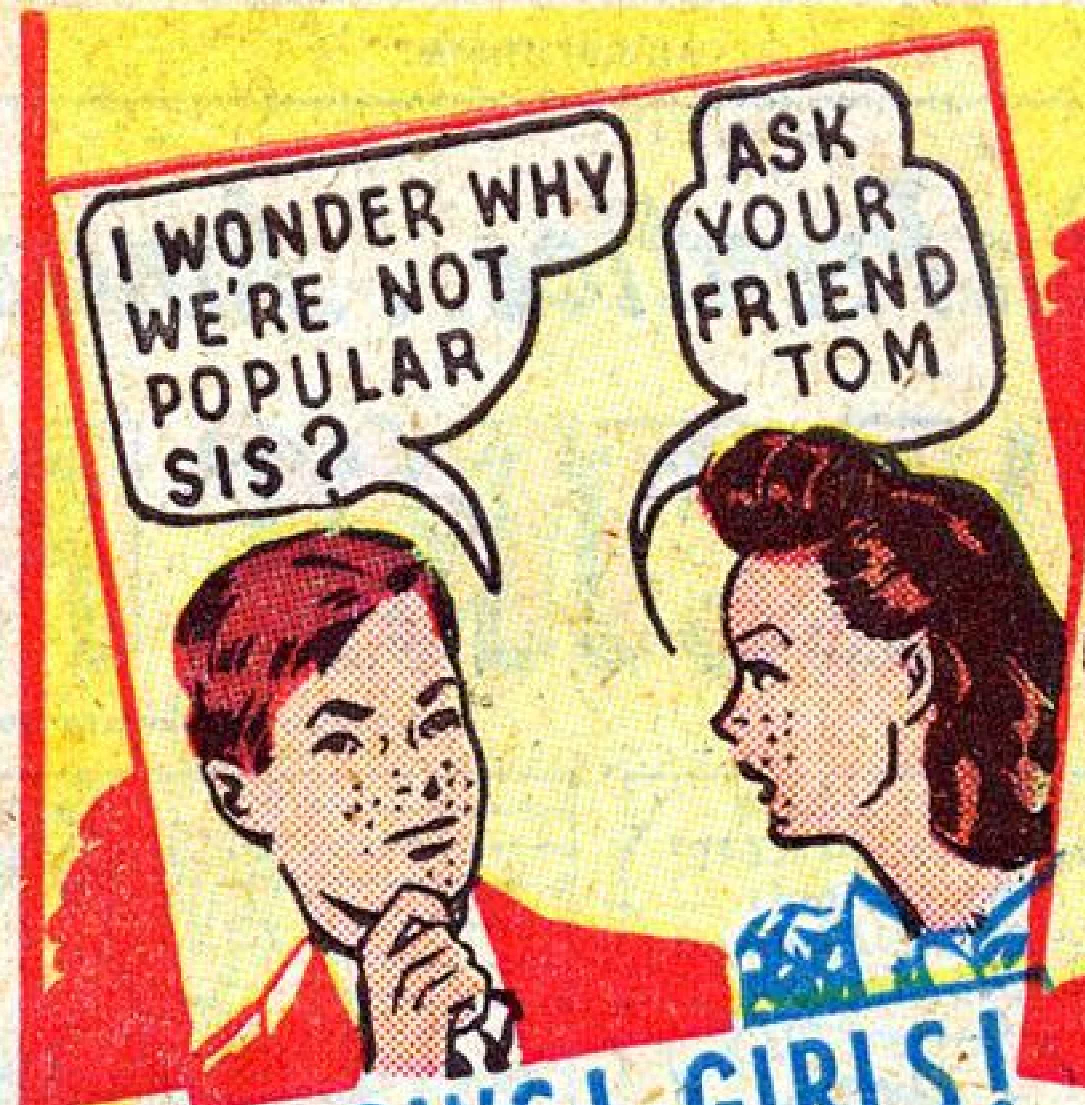
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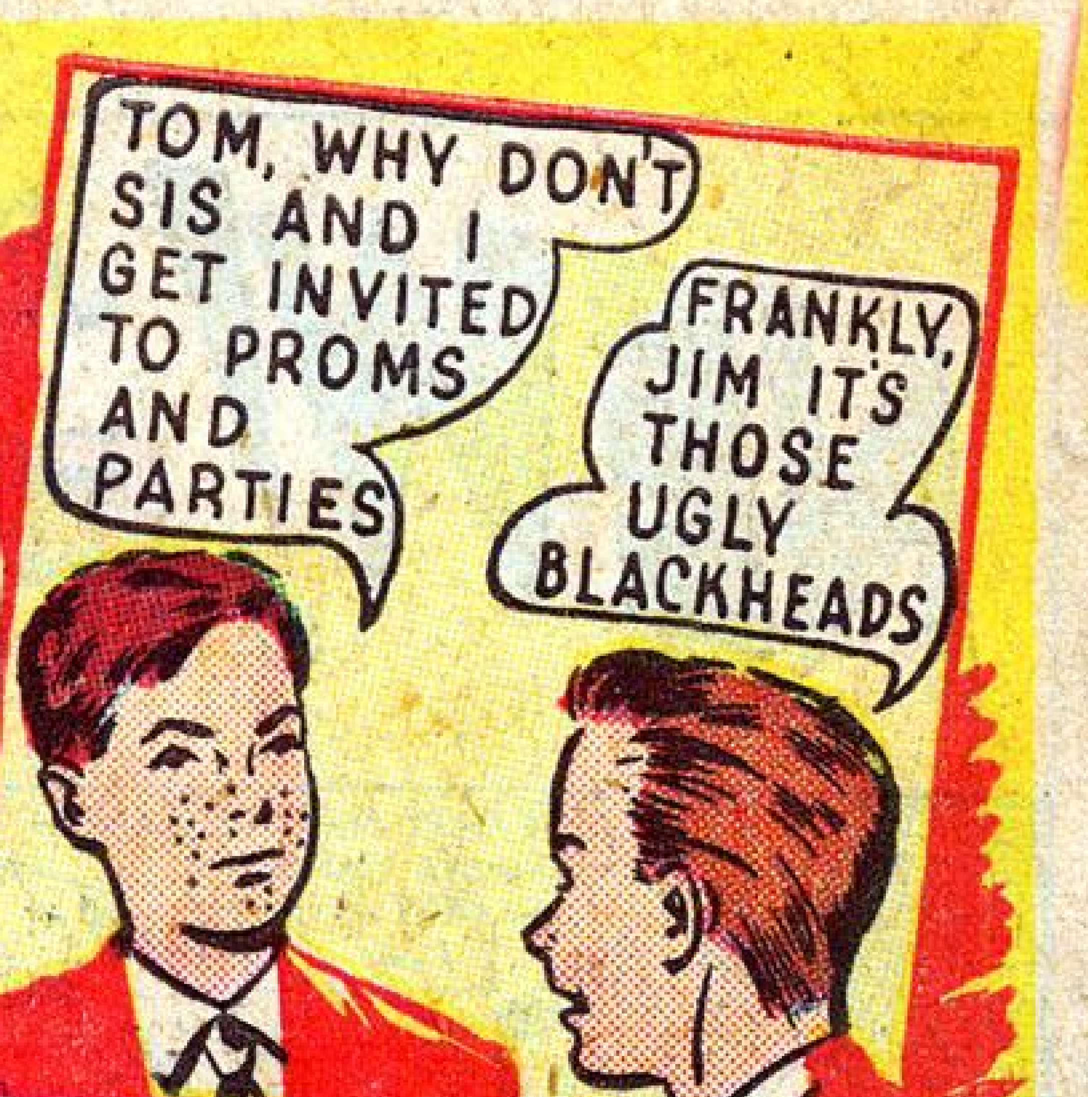
ASK YOUR FRIEND TOM


TOM, WHY DON'T SIS AND I GET INVITED TO PROMS AND PARTIES
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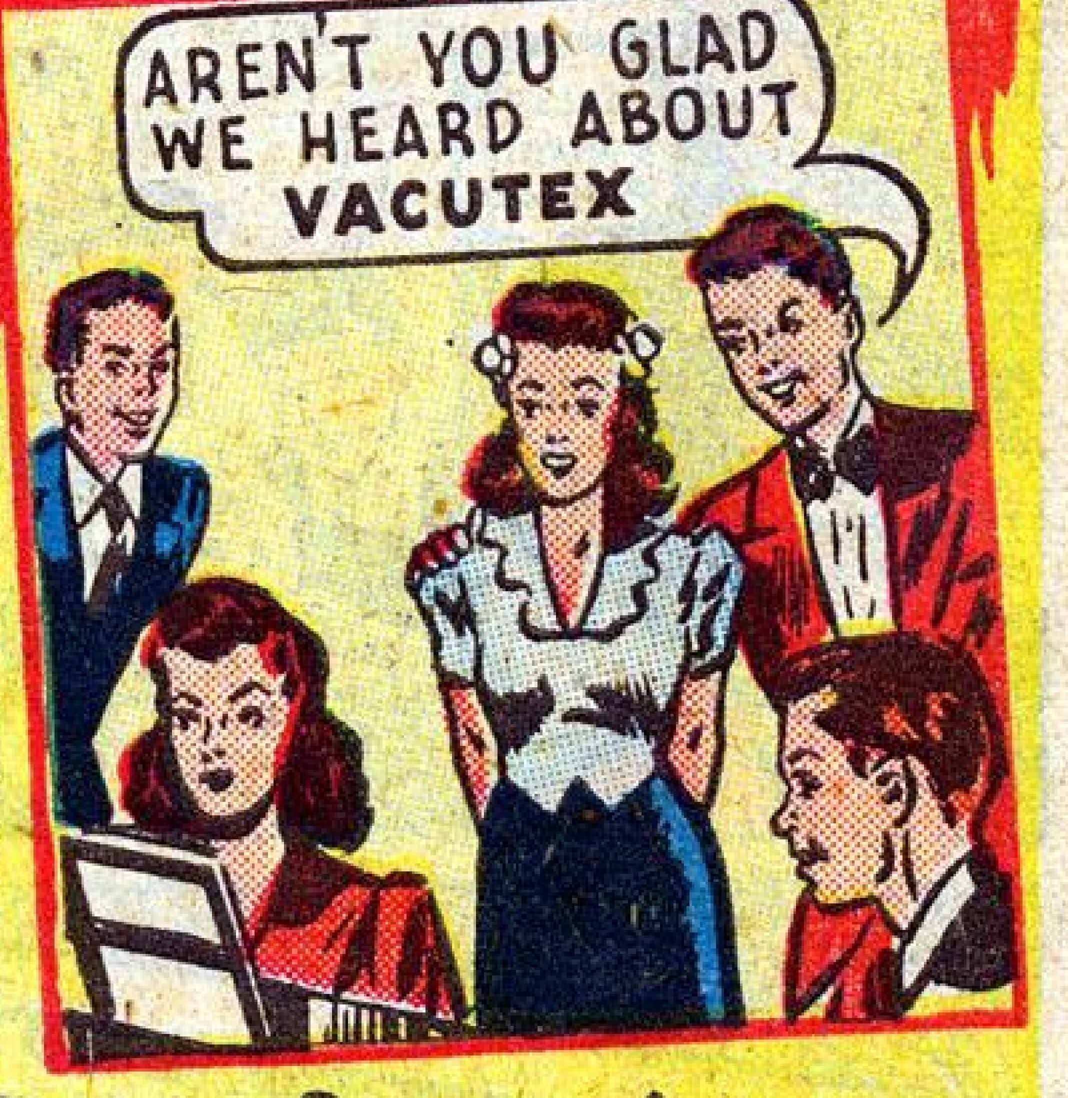
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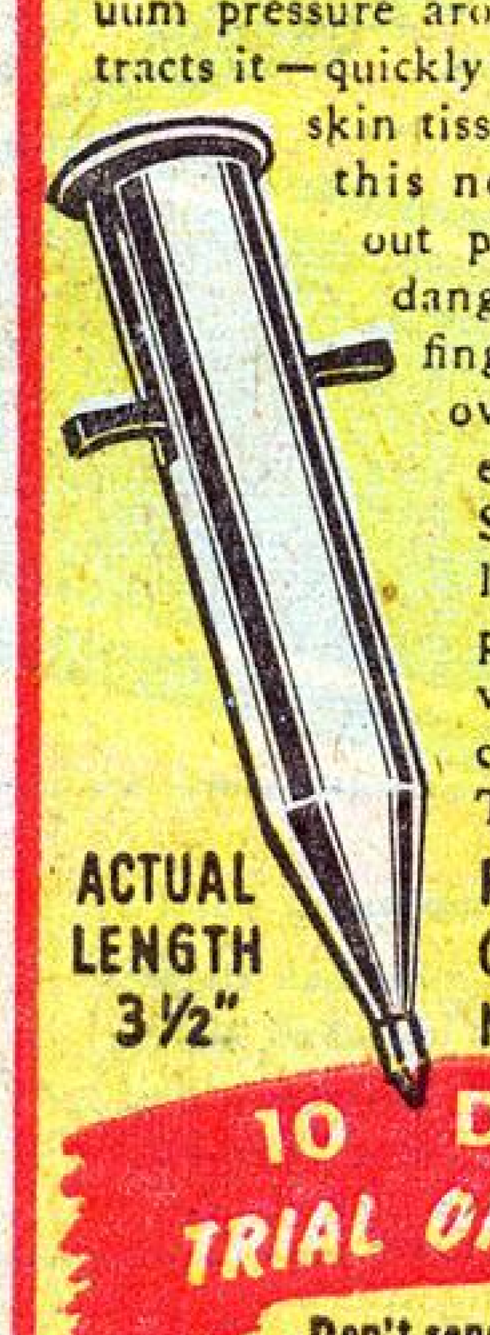

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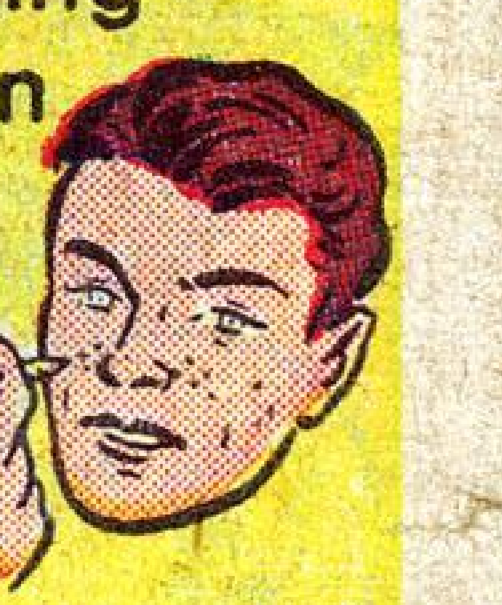

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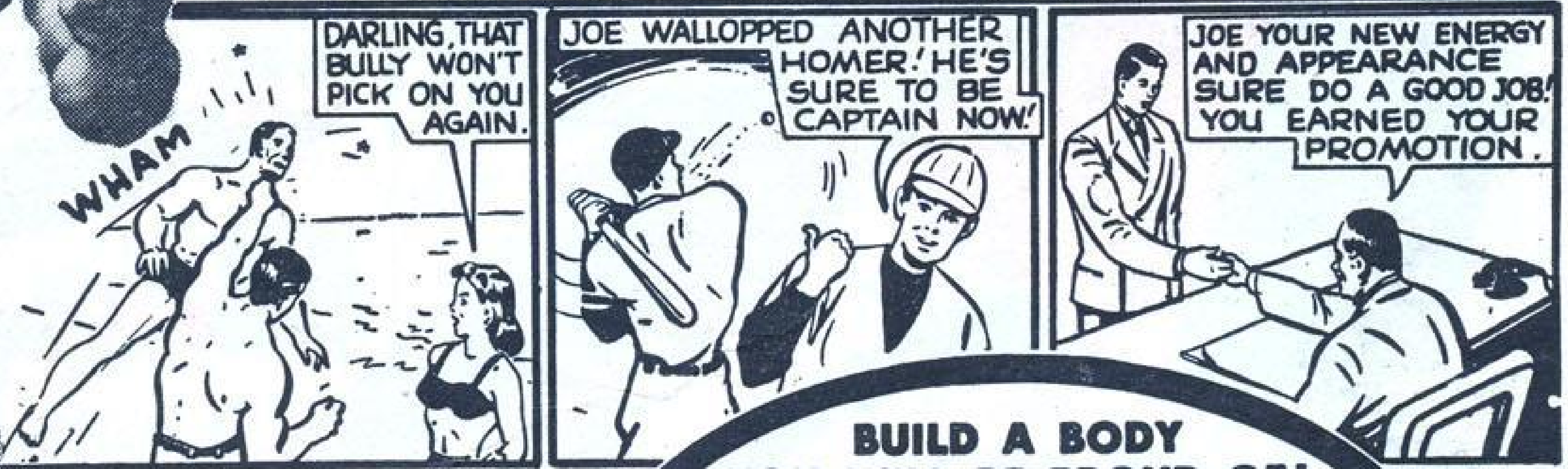
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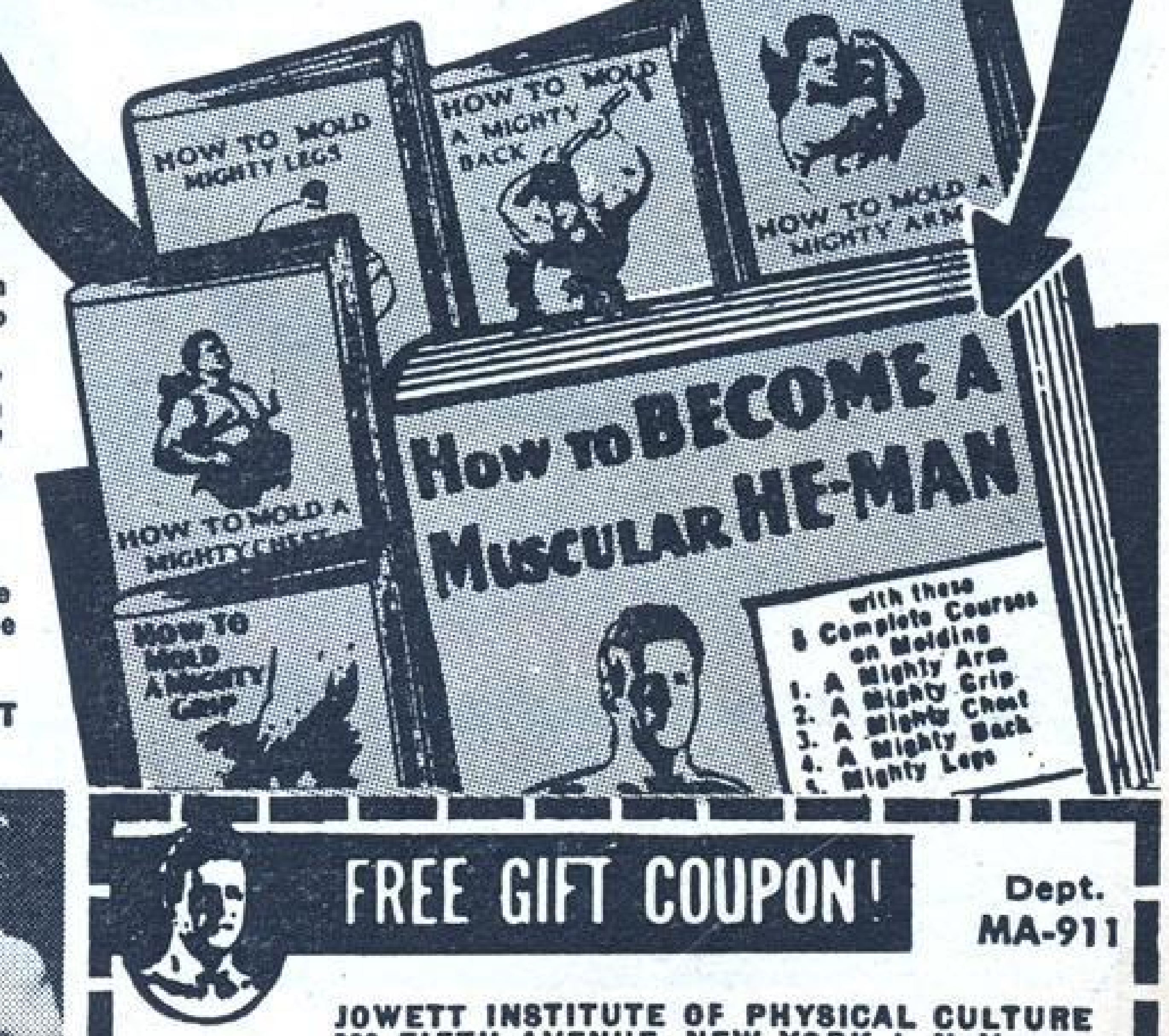
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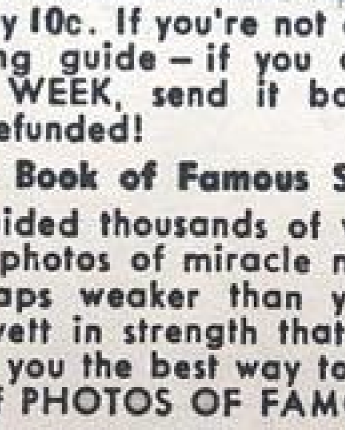

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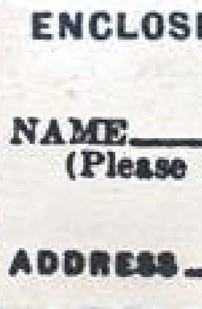

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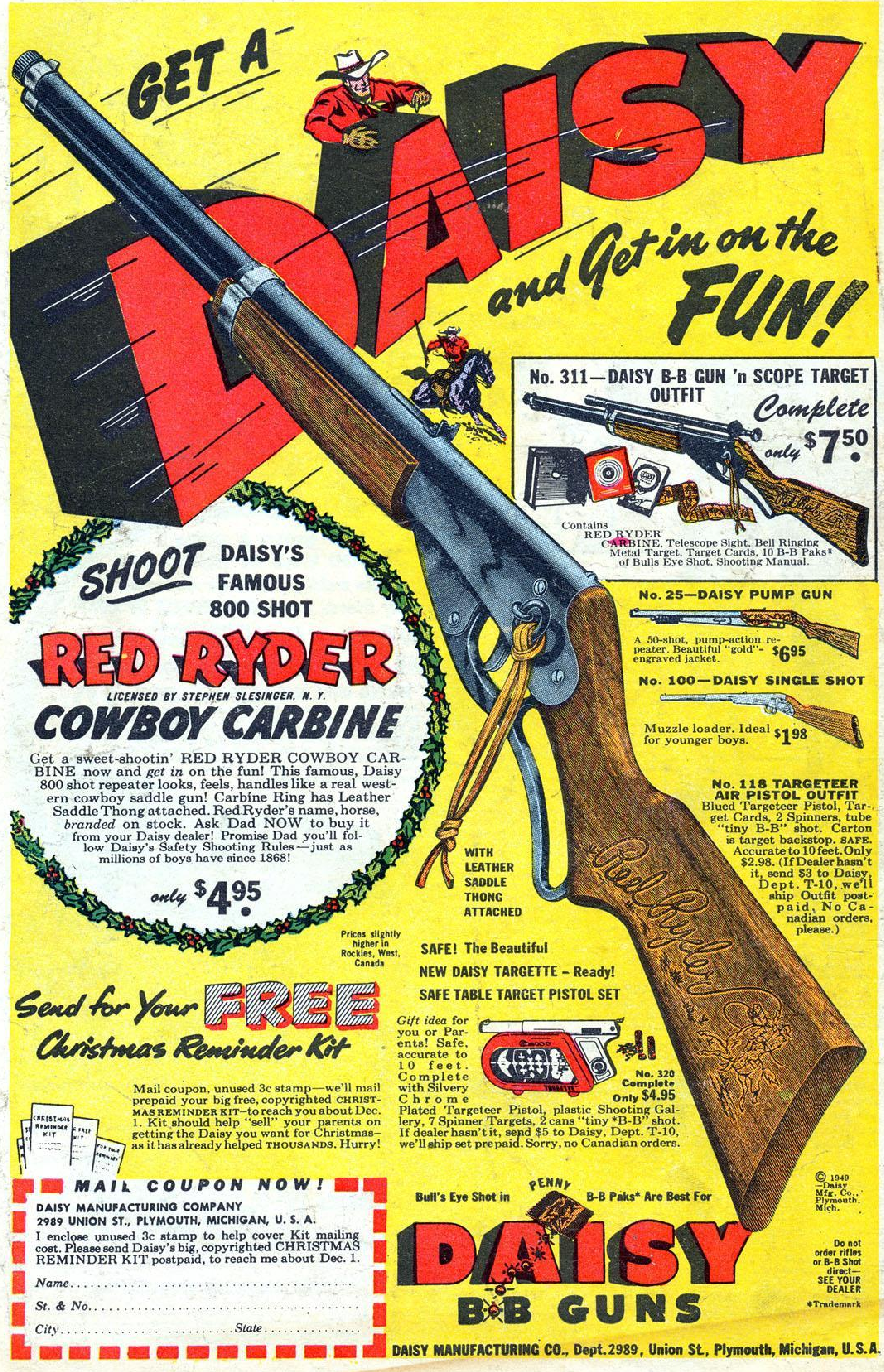

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